

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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OCT 4 1971

305PM URGENT 10-4-71 WJW

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) (3P)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Bates \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Walters b6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Soyars b7C \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.;

MRS. SUSAN

GIFFE - VICTIM, BRENT DOWNS - VICTIM, - VICTIM;

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS TELS TO BUREAU, THIS DATE.

THIS DATE [REDACTED] BIG BROTHERS.

AIRCRAFT (BBA), NASHVILLE METRO AIRPORT, NASHVILLE, TENN.,

ADVISED HIS PERSONNEL RECORDS INDICATE BRENT QUINTON

DOWNS HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BBA SINCE JAN. EIGHT, NINETEEN

SIXTYEIGHT. DOWNS IS WHITE MALE, DOB FEB. TWENTYSIX, FORTY

TWO, POB SHELBYVILLE, TENN., SSAN FOUR ONE ZERO - SIX

SIX - ONE SIX FOUR TWO, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE FOUR

MILITARY SERVICE, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, SERVED IN US ~~ARMY~~ FORCE

SEPT. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYONE THROUGH SEPT. NINETEEN, SIXTYFIVE,

SERVICE NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN TWO SEVEN THREE THREE OCT 5 1971

A F AND RECEIVED HONORABLE DISCHARGE AND WAS AN ELECTRONICS

TECHNICIAN. DOWNS IS MARRIED TO [REDACTED] HAS SON

ONE YEAR OLD AND RESIDES FOUR THREE TWO ADAIR RD., NASHVILLE.

DOWNS ATTENDED EASTSIDE GRAMMER SCHOOL, SHELBYVILLE JUNIOR

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HIGH SCHOOL NINETEEN FORTYNINE THROUGH FIFTYSEVEN; SHELBY-  
VILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH  
SIXTYONE, AND MEMPHIS STATE COLLEGE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE  
THROUGH SIXTYSEVEN. DOWNS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED SEPT,  
SIXTYFIVE THROUGH DEC. SIXTYFIVE; PAUL'S TV, MEMPHIS, TENN.,  
JAN. SIXTYSIX THROUGH AUG. SIXTYSEVEN; CITY OF MEMPHIS,  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AS BLOOD BANK TECHNICIAN; AND SEPT.  
SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH JAN. SIXTYEIGHT, MEMPHIS FLYING SERVICE  
AS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. DOWNS FORMERLY RESIDED ONE ZERO ONE  
TWO VULTEE BLVD., NASHVILLE, TENN; SEVEN THREE SIX NORTH  
TREZVANT, MEMPHIS, TENN. AND ONE FOUR THREE EIGHT FINLEY  
ST., GULFPORT, MISS. DOWNS EMPLOYED BBA SINCE JAN. EIGHT  
SIXTYEIGHT WITH EXCELLENT WORK RECORD.

THIS DATE, [REDACTED] OFFICIAL, FAA, NASHVILLE  
METRO AIRPORT, ADVISED DOWNS RECIEVED PILOT RATING AUG.  
FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN; INSTRUCTORS RATING JUNE TWENTYSEVEN,  
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SIXTYEIGHT AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION OCT. ONE,  
SEVENTY.

ALL PERSONNEL AT BBA, INC. ADVISED BRENT DOWNS A  
FINE INDIVIDUAL, EXCELLENT PILOT AND GOOD FAMILY MAN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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8:00 PM NITEL 10-5-71 DMB TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

ST. LOUIS

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76) 2P

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GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED); [REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED).  
CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, SUBJECTS HIJACKED COMMERCIAL  
CHARTER AIRPLANE AT NASHVILLE, TENN., OCT. FOUR LAST, AND  
COMMANDEERED PLANE TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, FOR REFUELING.

AIRCRAFT NOT ALLOWED TO REFUEL. PLANE DISABLED AND SUBJECT  
GIFFE FATALLY SHOT HIS WIFE, THE PLANE PILOT, AND HIMSELF.

RECORDS AT TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD RECORD SUBJECT  
GIFFE, SERIAL NO. AF TWO FIVE THREE FIVE FIVE THREE NINE ONE,  
ENLISTED DECEMBER THREE, FIFTY FOUR, AT NASHVILLE, TENN., AND  
WAS DISCHARGED ON DECEMBER TEN, FIFTY SIX, FOR MEDICAL  
REASONS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

FOR INFORMATION OF JACKSONVILLE, [REDACTED] IS A  
LINEMAN, BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, INC., NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN  
AIRPORT, NASHVILLE, TENN. HIS HOME ADDRESS IS [REDACTED]

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ST. LOUIS, AT ST. LOUIS, AT U.S. AIR FORCE RECORDS  
CENTER, NINE SEVEN ZERO ZERO PAGE BLVD., WILL REVIEW  
SUBJECT GIFF'S MILITARY RECORDS AND FORWARD RESULTS TO  
JACKSONVILLE AND BUREAU. P. END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates *C. Bates*  
FROM : R. J. Gallagher *R. J. Gallagher*

DATE: October 4, 1971

1 - Mr. Gallagher

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED); - VICTIM

BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED); - VICTIM

[REDACTED]  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

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Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
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At 3:50 a.m., today Extra Duty Agent [REDACTED] received a telephone call from FAA Control, [REDACTED] who advised that they had received information that a private chartered aircraft, twin engine aero commando turbo-jet No. 9058N had been reported hijacked en route from Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Airport to Atlanta, Georgia. He advised plane had left Nashville at approximately 2:59 a.m., Eastern Standard Time and was expected to arrive at Jacksonville, Florida, at 5:25 a.m. The plane had sufficient fuel for about four and one half hours travel time or enough fuel to travel 900 miles.

This information was immediately relayed by SA [REDACTED] to Jacksonville Duty Agent [REDACTED] who was in the process of receiving the same information from FAA in Jacksonville. The Security Patrol Clerk of the Memphis Division was immediately advised of the hijacking inasmuch as the Duty Agent was on the phone with FAA in Memphis.

Jacksonville and Memphis were instructed to immediately give this matter top priority investigative attention and to keep the Bureau advised of all developments.

Jacksonville Duty Agent [REDACTED] advised that he had contacted ASAC [REDACTED] and Agents of the Jacksonville Office who were proceeding to the airport. Jacksonville subsequently advised ASAC [REDACTED] was at the airport with other Agents and they were in conference with FAA officials. Information obtained from Memphis concerning the abduction of subject Giffe's wife

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Memorandum to Mr. Bates  
RE: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED)

and the fact that another male was on board along with the pilot and co-pilot was furnished Jacksonville. Jacksonville advised that as soon as it was determined that the plane would land they would take appropriate investigative action and would have to "play it by ear" in view of the hostage situation.

Jacksonville subsequently advised the plane had landed at 5:09 a.m., and had moved to an isolated area of the airport and that the subjects were demanding overseas landing charts, overseas flight gear and two bottles of Chevis Regals scotch. Jacksonville subsequently advised that upon landing the co-pilot, [ ] ran from the plane and shortly thereafter subject [ ] jumped from the plane. [ ] was detained and [ ] arrested by the Jacksonville Agents.

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ASAC [ ] later advised that Jacksonville Agents, to immobilize the plane, shot out the tires and fired into one engine to make it unoperative.

After immobilizing the plane Jacksonville Agents heard several shots being fired inside the plane and upon reaching the plane they found that the pilot Downs had been shot in the back and that Giffe and his wife were apparently dead.

It was subsequently learned through Duty Agent [ ] Memphis, that Giffe had allegedly abducted his wife from the King of the Road Motel where she was employed until 1:00 a.m., and drove to the airport in Nashville, accompanied by [ ] where they boarded the plane at gunpoint. The plane is owned by Big Brother Aircraft in Nashville.

ACTION: For information.

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9:05 AM IMMEDIATE 10-4-71 SDC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 164-NEW 5P

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CHANGED. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.;

MRS. SUSAN

GIFFE - VICTIM, BRENT DOWNS - VICTIM,

- VICTIM.

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT IDENTITY OF SUBJECT

AND IDENTITY OF VICTIMS DOWNS AND

PROVIDED

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE THEIR

GEORGE

M. GIFFE, JR. SUSAN GIFFE, NEE LAKICH IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, DOB NOVEMBER SIX FORTYFIVE, POB NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN EYES, LONG BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, SLIGHT SCAR BELOW RIGHT JAW BONE, POCK MARKS ON FOREHEAD, WEARING DIAMOND CLUSTER RING RIGHT HAND, LARGE DIAMOND IN SILVER SETTING LEFT HAND. GIFFE IS DESC DHITE MALE, DOB JULY SEVEN THIRTYSIX (POSSIBLE) POB CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, SIX FEET TALL, TWO HUNDRED FIFTYSIX POUNDS, ROUND FACE, RUDDY COMPLEXION, SHORT CURLY BLACK HAIR.

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GIFFE WAS COLLEGE PROFESSOR FOR SIX YEARS AT GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE. BELIEVED TO UNEMPLOYED FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. [REDACTED] ADVISED GIFFE SUFFERS ATTACKS OF MALARIA EVERY TWO OR THREE MONTHS, IS A NEUROTIC AND PSYCHOPATHIC LIAR.

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GIFFE CALLED THEIR HOME AT NINE P.M., OCTOBER THREE LAST AND SAID THAT HE WAS LEAVING THIS COUNTRY OCTOBER FOUR INSTANT AND WANTED TO GIVE<sup>H</sup> HIS CAR AND MONEY TO VICTIM GIFFE. AT TWELVE MID-NIGHT THEY CALLED [REDACTED] AND SHE HAD NOT YET HEARD FROM GIFFE. SHE EXPECTED TO GET OFF WORK AT ONE A.M. THIS DATE. SHE IS EMPLOYED AS A CASHIER AT THE KING OF THE ROAD MOTEL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN SEPARATED VOLUNTARILY EIGHT OR NINE TIMES IN THE THREE YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN MARRIED. THEY HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FOR ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THIS DATE. THEY DO NOT KNOW [REDACTED]

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] OF BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT INCORPORATED, METRO AIRPORT, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. A MAN IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., CAME TO THE AIRPORT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ON OCTOBER THREE LAST ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A CHARTER FLIGHT TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA. HE COMPLETED THE ARRANGEMENTS ON OCTOBER THREE LAST, PAYING FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS CASH FOR CHARTER FLIGHT. AT APPROXIMATELY ONE A. M. THIS DATE GIFFE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] ADVISING HE WOULD BE TEN MORE MINUTES LATE. GIFFE ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT AT ONE FORTYFIVE A.M. IN A GOLD CADILLAC, TENNESSEE LICENSE TWO N NINE THREE SIX ZERO. GIFFE GOT OUT OF CAR AND ADVISED [REDACTED] HE WAS A DOCTOR AND THE GIRL IN THE CAR WAS A DRUG ADDICT. [REDACTED] STATED THE GIRL WAS SCREAMING THAT SHE WAS BEING KIDNAPED. GIFFE IMMEDIATELY GRABBED THE GIRL BY THE NECK AND PULLED HER OUT OF THE AUTOMOBILE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HE PRODUCED A HANDGUN. [REDACTED] ALSO PULLED A GUN AND THE TWO OF THEM, DRAGGING THE GIRL, ORDERED THE PILOT AND THE CO-PILOT INTO THE AIRCRAFT. AT APPROXIMATELY TWO A.M. THE

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AIRCRAFT DEPARTED NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, BREAKING ITS FLIGHT PLAN FOR ATLANTA AND ESTABLISHING A COURSE FOR JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

MR. GEORGE M. GIFFE, SR. (RETIRED LT. COL., RESERVE UNIT, AND FORMER VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ATTORNEY), THREE TWO FOUR GAYWOOD DRIVE, NASHVILLE, ADVISED HIS SON, GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., DOB JULY ELEVEN THIRTYSIX, POB CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, HAS BEEN MARRIED TO SUSAN GIFFE, NEE LAKICH, FOR THREE YEARS AND PRESENTLY HAVING MARITAL PROBLEMS. GIFFE ADVISED HIS SON FORMERLY TAUGHT AT GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE FOR FIVE YEARS AND HAS B.S. AND MASTERS DEGREES IN BIOLOGY FROM THAT INSTITUTION. GIFFE STATED HIS SON FOR PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN SELLING REAL ESTATE AND RECENTLY HAS HAD FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND ALSO WAS INVOLVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT JULY NINETEEN SEVENTY AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR LONG PERIOD OF TIME. GIFFE STATED HE HAS NO IDEA WHO MAY HAVE ACCOMPANIED HIS SON IN AIRPORT HIJACKING INCIDENT AND VERIFIED FACT THAT HIS SON DOES DRIVE A LATE MODEL CADILLAC PURCHASED IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

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NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE  
REGARDING SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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INQUIRIES CONTINUING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND REGARD-  
IN [REDACTED] DOWNS AND [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE 164-103

FROM MEMPHIS 164-76 1P

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

ALSO

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE, GEORGE GIFFE, SR., FATHER OF GEORGE GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED), ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] WHO REPRESENTS LAW FIRM REPRESENTING BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CONDUCT AUTOPSY ON SUBJECT GIFFE. GIFFE STATED [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT PREVIOUS AUTOPSY CONDUCTED IN JACKSONVILLE FAILED TO DISCLOSE POWDER BURNS AND HIS LAW FIRM INTERESTED IN AUTOPSY BEING CONDUCTED BY FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AS JACKSONVILLE AUTOPSY NOT CONDUCTED BY FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST.

GIFFE STATED THAT HE GAVE PERMISSION FOR AUTOPSY, STATING THAT HE HAS NO IDEA WHEN AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED. 1971 P.

NAMEE IN SECOND LINE OF TITLE SHOULD BE "GIFFE" NOT "JIFFE"

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ccs - Mr. Felt, Mr. Dalbey

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (164-76) & JACKSONVILLE

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED), ET AL. CAA  
HIJACKING - KIDNAPING.

REURTEL TEN FIVE, SEVENTYONE.

MEMPHIS KEEP BUREAU IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF ALL  
DEVELOPMENTS OF FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT SUIT SCHEDULED  
TO BE FILED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NASHVILLE, SEEKING  
DAMAGES AGAINST FBI IN THIS CASE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 11/4/71

Re: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (deceased);  
[REDACTED]

TO: SAC, Jacksonville  
(164-103)

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka -  
VICTIM (deceased)  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;  
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS.

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.; AKA DASH VICTIM (DECEASED) CAA DASH HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPPING.

REURAI TEL OCTOBER SEVEN LAST AND YOUR TELETYPE OCTOBER NINE  
LAST.

PREVIOUS REPORTED LATENT IMPRESSION THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL.

SUBMITTED FINGERPRINTS AND PALM PRINTS OF GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.,

SUSAN L. GIFFE, [REDACTED] DOWNS OR [REDACTED]

SUBMITTED PRINTS BEING SEARCHED MAIN FINGERPRINT FILE, RESULTS  
SEPARATE.

CONFIRMING.

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7:11 NITEL 10-12-71 SDC

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS 120-NEW 1PP

Re; Brent Downs

MRS. BRENT DOWNS. FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT.

BY MOTION ENTERED USDC, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER EIGHT

LAST, ORIGINAL PLAINTIFF FILED IN CASE STYLED BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT,

PLAINTIFFS, VS JOHN A. VOLPE, ET AL, WAS AMENDED TO ADD AS PLAIN-

TIF [REDACTED] WHO "HAS AND INTENDS TO PURSUE AND PROSECUTE

AN ACTION FOR THE WRONGFUL DEATH OF HER DECEASED HUSBAND, BRENT

DOWNS, AGAINST THE USA UNDER THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIM ACT." ATTORNEY

[REDACTED] NASHVILLE, REPRESENTS [REDACTED] AND MOTION AMENDED

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT TO ADD [REDACTED] AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD. MEMPHIS

OPENING SEPARATE FTA CASE AS CAPTIONED AND BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE

WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. P. END. 164-2042-80

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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

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FROM MEMPHIS (164-76) (3P)

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GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED);

CAA- HIJACKING; CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, INTIMIDATION OF TWO MEMBERS; KIDNAPING. OO: JK."

MEMPHIS DAILY SUMMARY OCT. NINETEEN, INSTANT.

THIS DATE, RECORDS THIRD NATIONAL BANK, NASHVILLE, TENN., DETERMINED GIFFE MAINTAINED PERSONAL CHECKING ACCOUNT AND BUSINESS ACCOUNTS FOR VERSTAND CORP.; GLOBAL V REALTY; AL HIRT MARDI GRAS INTERNATIONAL; AND GLOBAL V REALTY ESCROW. ALL ACCOUNTS CLOSED EXCEPT ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH PRESENT BALANCE OF FIVE DOLLARS. HOWEVER, NO ACTIVITY ON ESCROW ACCOUNT SINCE SIXTYNINE.

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THIS DATE,

STATED ON OCT. THREE, LAST, AT FIVE THIRTY P.M. HE OBSERVED MAN AT BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT AND LEARNED LATER IT WAS SUBJECT GIFFE. STATED HE HAS BEEN SLIGHT ACQUAINTANCE OF GIFFE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY.

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, SEVENTEEN TWENTY WEST END BUILDING, NASHVILLE, STATED THIS DATE THAT GIFFE

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RENTED THREE ROOM SUITE FOR GLOBAL REALTY FROM NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE TO SIXTYSEVEN, AND RENTED ONE SUITE TO MC MAHON INSECTICIDE. GIFFE MOVED OUT IN DEC., SIXTYSEVEN, AND RETURNED IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, WITHOUT MC MAHON.

[REDACTED] TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO., THIS DATE, STATED GIFFE HAD INSURANCE POLICY NO. ZERO FOUR TWO THREE TWO ZERO - ZERO ZERO NINE NINE SEVEN NINE EIGHT TWO TWO ONE ZERO ONE - ONE ONE NINE FOR NINETEEN SEVENTY MERCURY COUGAR VEHICLE. GIFFE HAD ACCIDENT AUG. TWENTYONE, LAST, AND WAS GIVEN TWO HUNDRED FORTYEIGHT <sup>D</sup> DOLLARS EIGHTYTHREE CENTS CHECK FOR DAMAGE TO HIS CAR BUT CHECK MADE OUT ERRONEOUSLY AND DID NOT INCLUDE LIEN HOLDER. GIFFE CASHED THIS CHECK AND <sup>F</sup> ATER GIFFE WAS ISSURED SECOND CHECK IN SAME AMOUNT, PAYABLE TO GIFFE AND LIEN HOLDER, WHICH CHECK WAS GIVEN TO GIFFE; HOWEVER, THIS CHECK HAS NEVER BEEN CASHED. GIFFE ALSO HAD POLICY ON A CADILLAC FROM MAGRILL, WEINBERGER, AND MOSKOVITZ.

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[REDACTED] MEMBER OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN., LAW FIRM REPRESENTING KELLY CADILLAC CO., INC., CHATTANGOOGA, TENN., CONTACTED NASHVILLE RA ADVISED GIFFE PURCHASED SEVENTY CADILLAC, END PAGE TWO

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VIN J ZERO TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR TWO, APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO OCT. FOUR, LAST. [ ] SAID VEHICLE TENDERED TO GIFFE UPON HIS EXECUTION OF A BUYER'S ORDER SUBJECT TO GIFFE'S OBTAINING FINANCING THROUGH COMMERCE UNION BANK, NASHVILLE. BILL OF SALE AND TRANSFER OF TITLE NEVER EXECUTED AS COMMERCE UNION BANK WOULD NOT APPROVE LOAN AND [ ] CLAIMED KELLY CADILLAC IS LEGAL OWNER OF CADILLAC.

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KNOXVILLE, AT CHATTANOOGA, CONTACT [ ] KELLY CADILLAC, OBTAIN FULL DETAILS RE. PURCHASE OF CADILLAC BY SUBJECT GIFFE. (KNOXVILLE NOTE KELLY CADILLAC FORMERLY AYERS MOTOR CO., AND INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION THREE ZERO TWO.) KNOXVILLE FORWARD COMPLETE FD THREE ZERO TWO'S TO MEMPHIS DIVISION FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT WHICH CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON GIFFE.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THIS CASE TO RECEIVE CONTINUOUS AND PREFERRED ATTENTION. P.

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11:35 PM NITEL 10-18-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED);

DAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPPING.

RE MEMPHIS NITELS TO BUREAU OCTOBER FOURTEEN AND EIGHT  
LAST..

FOR INFORMATION LAB, PER REQUEST OF BUREAU, CLOTHING  
WORN BY BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED), PILOT OF HIJACKED AIRPLANE,  
OBTAINED AND IN PROCESS OF BEING FORWARDED TO LAB FOR  
EXAMINATION.

LABORATORY DIVISION  
FBI

MEMPHIS WILL REQUEST EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE IF POWDER  
RESIDUAL CONTAINED ON CLOTHING AND PATH OF PROJECTILES  
COULD BE DETERMINED.

JACKSONVILLE NOTIFY FBI LAB IF ANY ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
ON CLOTHING OF DOWNS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY LAB.

P. END.

WJM FBI WASH DC

Aug - Mr. Bates

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Director, FBI

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM

BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

October 20, 1971

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
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1 - Mr. Gallagher  
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1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
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This is in reference to the hijacking of a chartered aircraft operated by Big Brother Aircraft, Incorporated, Nashville, Tennessee, on October 4, 1971. The aircraft had been chartered to fly from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, by George M. Giffe, Jr. Giffe was accompanied by his wife, Susan Giffe, and one

The aircraft was diverted by Giffe and  both of whom were armed, to Jacksonville, Florida, where Giffe, after the aircraft landed, apparently shot and killed his wife, pilot Brent Downs, and then turned the weapon on himself.

Late October 18, 1971, Messrs.  and  of the Criminal Division telephonically advised Special Agent  of this Bureau, that the Criminal Division had been contacted by representatives of the General Counsel's Office, Federal Aviation Administration, relative to release to the public of transcripts of taped conversations transpiring between the control tower at the Jacksonville airport and the hijacked aircraft. These conversations were between airport and FBI personnel and the hijacked aircraft immediately prior to the aircraft's arrival at Jacksonville and up to the boarding of the hijacked aircraft by FBI Agents. Federal Aviation Administration representatives, according to  had indicated the "heat's on them by the press" and accordingly they desired to make transcripts of the tape recordings available to the press. It was also indicated by  that American Broadcasting Commentator  had contacted the Criminal Division desiring transcripts of the tapes.

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**Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division**

In response to the Department's query as to whether the FBI had any objections to the release of these transcripts, [redacted] was advised the FBI deferred to the Department since this appeared to be a legal decision, not an investigative one. He was informed, however, that the FBI was not in a position to advise at this point whether the tapes contained information of evidentiary value inasmuch as they have not yet been reviewed by the FBI Laboratory. It was pointed out that portions of the tapes were unintelligible, having considerable background noise interference and attempts would be made to allow filtering out this noise in order to determine the complete contents. FBI examination of the tape recordings are now being conducted.

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[redacted] indicated that under the circumstances, every possible attempt would be made to oppose the public disclosure of the transcripts of the tapes.

**NOTE:**

This is in confirmation of conversations with the Department between 4:30 p. m. , and 5:30 p. m. , 10/18/71. It was made clear to Department representatives that this was their choice not the FBI's.

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NR 01 ME PLAIN

1:23 PM URGENT 10-18-71 WJW

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (167-76) (2P)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED). - CAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING.

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL A.M., OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

ON THE EVENING OF OCT. SIXTEEN, LAST, [REDACTED] A MEMBER

OF THE LAW FIRM OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NASHVILLE, TENN., TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH

USA CHARLES H. ANDERSON, NASHVILLE, TENN. DURING THIS CONVERSATION

[REDACTED] COMMENTED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COURT ORDER ISSUED BY

JUDGE GRAY IN NASHVILLE, TENN., SPECIFIED THAT THE CONTENTS OF

THE TAPES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE

PLAINTIFFS AND TO THE PLAINTIFFS. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED HE

UNDERSTANDS THAT EXCEPTING FOR THE CONTENTS BEING AVAILABLE TO

THE GOVERNMENT THE CONTENTS OF THE TAPES WERE NOT TO BE

DISSEMINATED OTHERWISE. USA ANDERSON AGREED WITH THIS

INTERPRETATION OF THE COURT ORDER. [REDACTED] THEN STATED THERE

HAD BEEN A LEAK SOMEWHERE AND HE THOUGHT THE LEAK WAS IN HIS

OFFICE.

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This concerns the hijacking of a chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71.

Attached advises Attorney [redacted] a member of the law firm representing Big Brother Aircraft Company, the widow of deceased pilot Brent Downs and the relatives of Susan Giffe in the Federal Tort Claims case, contacted U. S. Attorney Charles H. Anderson, Nashville, Tennessee, 10/16/71, and indicated there had been a leak in his office which resulted in the release of the FAA tape recording transcriptions of the hijacking incident. U. S. Attorney Anderson discussed this matter with a Department of Justice representative and is withholding any legal action at this time.

This situation has been discussed with the Criminal Division regarding possible prosecutive action, however, further discussions are being had between the Criminal and Civil Divisions prior to taking any criminal action.

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USA ANDERSON TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH [REDACTED]  
IN THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., BY TELEPHONE OCT.  
EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, AT WHICH TIME ANDERSON INFORMED [REDACTED] OF THE  
CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]

*Resident Agency*

ANDERSON HAS INFORMED AN AGENT OF THE NASHVILLE RA THIS A.M.  
THAT HE DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE TAKING ANY LEGAL ACTION REGARDING  
THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TAPES BEING IN THE "WASHINGTON POST".  
HE WILL DISCREETLY ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN THE LEAK IN [REDACTED]  
LAW FIRM BUT FEELS IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
TO TAKE ANY LEGAL ACTION AT THIS TIME. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY BUREAU ~~RECEP~~, MEMPHIS NOT TAKING  
ANY FURTHER ACTION.

JACKSONVILLE ADVISED BY A.M.

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REW FBI WASH - DC

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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8:33 PM NITEL 10-20-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (120-788)

FROM MEMPHIS (120-263)

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Felt ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Mohr ☒  
Mr. Bishop ☒  
Mr. Miller, ES ☒  
Mr. Callahan ☒  
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Mr. Soyars ☒  
Tele. Room ☒ b6  
Miss Holmes ☒ b7C  
Miss Gandy ☒

[REDACTED] XBIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. ~~FIGA~~ Federal Tort Claims Act

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST.

ON OCTOBER TWENTY INSTANT ATTORNEYS FOR [REDACTED] FILED  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR INFORMATION  
AND TO SECURE AND PERPETUATE EVIDENCE, ~~USDC~~ U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE, IN CASE STYLED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ALL OF NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE, VERSUS U.S. ATTACHED TO APPLICATION IS SEALED  
ENVELOPE CONTAINING TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDINGS OF RADIO  
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ~~FBI~~ Federal Aviation Administration, FBI AGENTS, AND PILOT OF HIJACKED  
PLANE FOR IN CAMERA INSPECTION, BY ~~USDC~~ U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FRANK GRAY, JR.  
APPLICATION STATES PETITIONERS WILL APPLY TO USDC OCTOBER  
TWENTYTWO NEXT FOR AN ORDER MAKING TAPES PART OF PUBLIC RECORD.

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October 21, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the hijacking of the chartered aircraft of Big Brother, Incorporated, from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, 10/4/71.

Attached advises attorneys for plaintiffs in civil suit have filed a notice of application for information to secure and perpetuate evidence in U. S. District Court (USDC) Nashville, Tennessee, 10/20/71.

Application states petitioners will apply to USDC, Nashville, 10/22/71, for order making tapes part of public record and request court to authorize taking depositions from FBI Agents who were at scene of hijacking and make available all physical evidence.

This is being discussed with the Criminal Division to insure they oppose any action that would interfere with our criminal investigation of this case.

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Handwritten notes and signatures:   
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 - "DB" (large)   
 - "gln" (signature)   
 - "BC" (signature)   
 - "R" (signature)   
 - "RJG" (signature)   
 - "cud" (signature)   
 - "P&T" (signature)   
 - "7" (signature)   
 - "DS" (signature)   
 - "R" (signature)



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ATTACHED TO APPLICATION IS PETITION TO PERPETUATE EVIDENCE  
STATING THAT IN VIEW OF DELAY IN FILING TORT CLAIMS ACTION  
NECESSITATED BY REGULATIONS, PETITIONERS REQUEST COURT FOR  
AN ORDER AUTHORIZING PETITIONERS' ATTORNEYS TO TAKE  
DEPOSITIONS FROM FOLLOWING BUREAU PERSONNEL AT JACKSONVILLE,

FLORIDA: SAS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PETITION

FURTHER REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MAKE AVAILABLE  
TO PETITIONERS' ATTORNEYS ALL STATEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, PHYSICAL  
EVIDENCE, AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH  
INQUIRY INTO HIJACKING INCIDENT. PETITION FURTHER STATES  
U. S. DISTRICT COURT  
THAT APPLICATION WILL BE MADE TO ~~USDC~~ ON NOVEMBER TEN NEXT  
FOR HEARING ON PETITION. COPIES OF PETITION BEING OBTAINED  
AND WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE. MEMPHIS  
WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. P. END.  
PLS HOLD FOR ONE MORE



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Jacksonville (164-103)

Date: November 12, 1971

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., aka (Deceased);  
[redacted] Mrs. GEORGE  
Re: GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (Deceased)  
CAA - HIJACKING; INTIMIDATION OF  
CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED  
WEAPON;  
KIDNAPING  
(OO: JACKSONVILLE)

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*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Jacksonville

Reference: Airtel 10/20/71

Examination requested: Instrumental

Remarks:

For your information, only one projectile was  
in the box referred to in paragraph (1) of your airtel dated  
10/20/71.

The lead cores of caliber .308 Winchester ammunition  
of Remington - Peters manufacture on hand in the FBI Laboratory  
were significantly different in composition from the previously  
submitted small metal fragment in Q1, the Q2 metal fragment  
and the Q18 metal fragment.

If you desire, you may submit cartridges from the  
clip used in bureau weapon SN 6943146 for compositional  
comparison with the small metal fragment in Q1, the Q2 metal  
fragment and the Q18 metal fragment.

The K3, K4 and K5 specimens are being returned to  
your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Jacksonville

Date: November 1, 1971

FBI File No. 164-2042-44

Lab. No. PC-H2331 LK

Re: GEORGE MALIERY GIFFE, JR., aka  
(Deceased); [REDACTED]

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (Deceased),

CAA - HIJACKING; INTIMIDATION OF CREW

MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON;

KIDNAPING

Specimens received 10/22/71

K3 Bullet from right tire  
K4-K5 Bullets from left tire

## Result of examination:

The K3, K4 and K5 lead bullets were similar to each other in composition but significantly different in composition from the previously submitted small metal fragment in Q1, the Q2 metal fragment and the Q18 metal fragment.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EXPEDITE

Laboratory Work Sheet

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., aka (Deceased);

File # 164-2042-85-

Mrs. GEORGE M. GIFFEE, JR. - VICTIM(Deceased); Lab. # PC-H2331 LK

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CAA - HIJACKING; INTIMIDATION OF CREW  
MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON;  
KIDNAPING

(OO: JACKSONVILLE)

Examination requested by:

SAC, Jacksonville (164-103) Airtel 10/20/71

Examination requested:

Instr (Spec)

Date received: 10/22/71 hw

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Results + ~~Results~~ attached.

Results + calculations returned in 8420  
see also PC-H 9036  
JWK

Specimens submitted for examination

K3 Bullet from right tire  
K4-K5 Bullets from left tire

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PC- H2331

| <u>Sample</u> | <u>wt (mg)</u> | <u>% Cu</u> | <u>% Sb</u> |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| K3a           | 12.14          | .069        | .67         |
| K3b           | 12.42          | .062        | .61         |
| K3c           | 12.46          | .064        | .61         |

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| K4 | 11.34 | .071 | .63 |
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| K5 | 10.56 | .062 | .61 |
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R-P .308 Win

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| #1a | 12.08 | 8.04 |
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| #1b | 11.99 | 7.92 |
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| #2 | 12.54 | 8.31 |
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K3, K4, K5 R-P .38 s&pl

FBI

Date: 10-20-71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR., aka (Deceased);  
[REDACTED]Mrs. GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (Deceased)  
CAA - HIJACKING; INTIMIDATION OF CREW  
MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON,  
KIDNAPING  
(OO: JACKSONVILLE)

Re FBI Laboratory Report dated October 15, 1971.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following items:

(1) Box containing spent projectiles  
recovered from the right tire of  
Hawk Commander aircraft N9058N,  
fired from .38 caliber weapon of  
SA [REDACTED](2) Boxes containing spent projectiles  
recovered from the left tire of Hawk  
Commander aircraft N9058N, fired  
from .38 caliber weapon of ASAC  
[REDACTED]

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 3) (ENRM)  
1 - Memphis (164-76) (Info.)  
2 - Jacksonville  
FAB-cgc  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a compositional analysis between the enclosed spent projectiles fired by Bureau personnel and the specimens already submitted.

It is to be further noted that the spent projectiles fired into the right engine of the above aircraft were not recovered and are presumed to have been destroyed within the engine. These projectiles, two in number, were Remington 308 Gamemaster, from Bureau weapon SN6943146, fired by SA

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ENCLOSURE



SAC, Memphis (164-76)

George Mallory Giffe, Jr. Deceased;  
ET AL;  
CAA - Hijacking; Kidnapping

Bufile No. 164-2042  
LC No. A-43356  
Date of 10/19/71  
Examiner [Redacted]  
Noted by [Redacted]  
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"Chavis Regal" bottle

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Date: 10/19/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (120-263) (P)

SUBJECT:   
BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC.,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
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Re Jacksonville teletype to Memphis 10/6/71.

By communication received at the Nashville RA, 10/18/71,  Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee, furnished a copy of the letter dated 10/15/71, addressed to The Honorable JOHN MITCHELL, Washington, D. C.; The Honorable J. EDGAR HOOVER, FBI, Washington, D. C.; The Honorable JOHN VOLPE, Department of Transportation; and The Honorable JOHN SHAFFER, Department of Transportation, both Washington, D. C., in which the purpose of the letter is to file a formal administrative claim in connection with the hijacking of Hawk Commander 9058N from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, 10/4/71.

It is noted that a copy of the above letter was furnished to the Jacksonville Office by

Memphis will follow and report developments in this matter.

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- ② - Bureau  
 2 - Jacksonville (120-288)  
 2 - Memphis

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Approved:   
 Special Agent in Charge

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11:12 PM NITEL 10-20-71 ALH

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS (164-76)

OKLAHOMA CITY (164-54)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS.  
SUSAN M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM. CAA - HIJACKING; INTIMIDATION OF  
CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; KIDNAPING. (00: JK).

JACKSONVILLE DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY-  
ONE.

ON THIS DATE, [REDACTED] CHIEF, GENERAL AVIATION  
DISTRICT OFFICE, CRAIG AIRPORT, JACKSONVILLE, FURNISHED COPY OF HIS  
INITIAL REPORT CONCERNING AIRCRAFT N NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N. HIGHLIGHTS  
OF HIS REPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(ONE) AIRCRAFT LOG BOOKS WERE NOT IN AIRCRAFT.

(TWO) LOGS INDICATE LAST INSPECTION (ONE HUNDRED HOUR) WAS RUN

ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, OR SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST.

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LOG FOR SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, SHOWED ONE HUNDRED HOUR  
DUE AT SIX EIGHT NINE HOURS. LOG FOR SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN,  
LAST, SHOWED ONE HUNDRED-HOUR DUE AT SEVEN EIGHT FIVE  
HOURS.

(THREE) FLIGHT PLAN INFORMATION SHOWS FOUR PEOPLE ABOARD WHEN IN  
REALITY THERE WERE FIVE - OTHER MALE NOT EXPECTED.

(FOUR) TOTAL WEIGHT ESTIMATED FOR AIRCRAFT INCLUDING TWO HUNDRED  
SEVENTY GALLONS OF FUEL AT START, EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT  
HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN POUNDS. FLIGHT PLAN INDICATED  
MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-  
ONE POUNDS, NOT INCLUDING

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(FIVE) ONLY PASSENGER REFLECTED ON LOG IS GIFFE.

(SIX) FUEL SUMMARY IS COMPLETE WITH FUEL ONBOARD TWO HUNDRED  
SEVENTY GALLONS - THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES ONE HUNDRED TWENTY  
GALLONS REQUIRED FOR FLIGHT FROM NASHVILLE TO ATLANTA  
AND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY GALLONS ADDITIONAL FUEL.

(SEVEN) NO ENTRIES ON DISCREPANCY REPORT. PREVIOUS FLIGHTS  
SHOW NO ENTRIES.

(EIGHT) ONE HEADSET FOUND IN AIRCRAFT. STANDARD PHONE AND MIKE  
JACKS ON BOTH PILOT'S AND CO-PILOTS INSTRUMENT PANELS.  
POINT MADE IN THAT PILOT COULD HAVE USED HEADSET AND TRANS  
↑  
MISSION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HEARD. THE SPEAKER/PHONE  
WAS ON SPEAKER.

(NINE) FUEL COUNTER SHOWED ZERO ONE ZERO ONE NINE POINT ZERO POUNDS OF FUEL CONSUMED.

(TEN) TRANSPONDER SET AT THIRTY-ONE HUNDRED.

(ELEVEN) AIRCRAFT SPECIFICATIONS SHOW THIRTEEN POUNDS UNUSABLE FUEL.

[REDACTED] REPORT IS ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED] CHIEF,  
FLIGHT STANDARDS TRAINING BRANCH.

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USA JOHN BRIGGS, JACKSONVILLE, ADVISED THAT HE IS INSTRUCTING USA, NASHVILLE, THIS DATE TO EXPEDITE ANY ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS IN CONNECTION WITH FAA'S SEEKING DATE FROM BIG BROTHERS.

MR. BRIGGS FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN FBI MAKING RERECORDING OF ORIGINAL TAPE UNDER SUPERVISION OF FAA CUSTODIAN. HIS OFFICE WILL CONTACT FAA SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE WITH PROPOSAL. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNTIL BUREAU INDICATES APPROVAL OF REQUEST.

BRIGGS STATED THAT IF ABOVE ACTION IS APPROVED, HIS OFFICE WILL NOTIFY [REDACTED] JACKSONVILLE ATTORNEY AT THAT TIME. HE WILL NOT NOTIFY [REDACTED] OFFICE DUE TO RECENT ACTIONS BY [REDACTED] AND STATED [REDACTED] WILL HAVE TO WORK FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

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8:36 PM NITEL 10-20-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED).

CAA - HIJACKING; CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; INTIMIDATION  
OF TWO MEMBERS; KIDNAPING. OO: JACKSONVILLE.

DAILY SUMMARY , MEMPHIS DIVISION, OCTOBER TWENTY SEVENTYONE.

THIS DATE OFFICIALS COMMERCE UNION BANK, HILLSBORO ROAD  
BRANCH, NASHVILLE, STATE SUBJECT GIFFE OWES APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THEM FOR VARIOUS LOANS.

RECORDS OF FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK THIS DATE  
INDICATE ACCOUNT NUMBER ONE THREE THREE - ONE ZERO FOUR-  
EIGHT IS PERSONAL ACCOUNT OPENED OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN  
SIXTYSEVEN AND CLOSED JANUARY TWELVE SEVENTYONE. ACCOUNT  
NUMBER THREE THREE THREE - NINE FIVE FOUR - NINE IS FIRST  
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK ACCOUNT OF VICTIM OPENED AUGUST  
TWELVE SIXTYNINE AND CLOSED OCTOBER EIGHTEEN LAST BY VICTIM'S

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MOTHER. LAST STATEMENT THIS ACCOUNT INDICATES THREE NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS MADE SUBSEQUENT TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR DEPOSIT CHARGED BACK TO ACCOUNT.

BUREAU WILL NOTE TOLL CALL RECORDS <sup>R</sup>FROM SUBJECT [REDACTED] AND GIFFE'S LAST TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE OBTAINED.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION REGARDING [REDACTED] DEVELOPED INFO THAT SUBJECT GIFFE MAY HAVE APPROACHED [REDACTED] A COMMERCIAL PILOT, TO MAKE FLIGHT FOR GIFFE ON OCTOBER FOUR LAST AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] A. M. OCTOBER TWENTYONE NEXT.

THIS DATE RECORDS GUN CITY USA, NASHVILLE, INDICATE GIFFE SOLD THREE WEAPONS TO GUN CITY FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH.

THIS CASE IS RECEIVING PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

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TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) (3P)

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GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA. DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); BRENT

DOWNES DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); [REDACTED] DASH VICTIM,

CAA DASH HIJACKING; KIDNAPING, FTCA. OO: JACKSONVILLE.

MEMPHIS DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER TWENTYONE INSTANT.

SUICIDE NOTES FOUND IN NINETEEN SEVENTY CADILLAC USED BY  
SUBJECT GEORGE GIFFE, JR., FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER THIS  
DATE TO FBI LABORATORY FOR APPROPRIATE COMPARISONS.

[REDACTED] NASHVILLE PHYSICIAN, PRESENT FAMILY  
PHYSICIAN OF GEORGE M. GIFFE, SR., AND PAST PHYSICIAN OF SUBJECT  
GEORGE GIFFE, JR., SAID HE WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS IN LATE  
NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD IN EFFORTS TO  
GET GEORGE GIFFE, JR., MEDICAL DISCHARGE BASED ON EMOTIONAL  
PROBLEMS ARISING FROM MARITAL DIFFICULTIES AND GIFFE SUBSEQUENTLY  
DISCHARGED ON THESE EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS. [REDACTED] REFERRED GIFFE

TO [REDACTED] A PSYCHIATRIST. [REDACTED]

SAID HE OBSERVED GIFFE

EARLY AM, OCTOBER THREE LAST AT HOSPITAL WHERE GIFFE WAS

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VISITING HOSPITALIZED MOTHER AND DID NOT OBSERVE ANY ABONORMAL BEHAVIOR.

CERTIFIED COPY OF NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT LAYOUT OBTAINED AND SKETCH AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF AREAS WILL BE FORWARDED TO EXHIBIT SECTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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THIS DATE [REDACTED] NASHVILLE PSYCHIATRIST, SAID HE SAW SUBJECT GEORGE GIFFE, JR., ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYSIX, AND ALSO A TOTAL OF FIVE TIMES IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX AND SEVEN TIMES IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. [REDACTED] DIAGNOSED SUBJECT GEORGE GIFFE, JR., AS EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE, ADVISING GIFFE SUFFERING FROM SYMPTOMS OF REACTIVE DEPRESSION AND ACUTE ANXIETY REACTION AND DUE TO THESE SYMPTOMS HE WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND TO NORMAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS IN A NORMAL MANNER. THIS WAS BASIS FOR DISCHARGE FROM TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

THIS DATE [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL PILOT, NASHVILLE, SAID SUBJECT GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., LIVED SEVERAL DOORS FROM HIM AT BAVARIA APARTMENTS. [REDACTED] SAID ON OCTOBER THREE LAST AT ELEVEN AM GIFFE REQUESTED THAT HE FLY GIFFE TO

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UNMENTIONED LOCATION, HOWEVER, [REDACTED] DECLINED TO DO SO  
BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.

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SUBJECT [REDACTED] NEIGHBOR, [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]  
IS HIS CLOSEST FRIEND, DESCRIBING [REDACTED] AS GENTLE, INTELLIGENT,  
HELPFUL AND HIS INVOLVEMENT IN HIJACKING WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF  
CONTEXT WITH [REDACTED] CHARACTER.

THIS CASE IS RECEIVING PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

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11:56 PM NITEL 10/21/71 ELS

OCT 22 1971

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS

JACKSONVILLE

FROM ATLANTA 164-241

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GEORGE MALLERY GRIFFE, JR., DECEASED;

MRS. GEORGE M. GRIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM. DECEASED. CAA -  
HIJACKING. KIDNAPPING.

RE JACKSONVILLE AIRTEL TO ATLANTA OCT. THIRTEEN, SEVENTYONE.

ON OCT. TWENTYONE, SEVENTYONE, [REDACTED] AIR TRAFFIC  
SPECIALIST, FAA, EVALUATIONS BRANCH, SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE,  
ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT GENERAL COUNSEL AT SOUTHERN REGIONAL  
OFFICE HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM USA, JACKSONVILLE, FOR  
AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE COVERING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN  
ATLANTA ARTC CENTER, HAMPTON, GA., AND AIR TRAFFIC NO. N NINE  
ZERO FIVE EIGHT N ON OCT. FOUR, SEVENTYONE. TRANSCRIPT IN PROCESS  
OF PREPARATION.

ATLANTA WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS  
COMPLETED.

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5:17 PM EDST NITEL 10-21-71 MHM

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) 2P

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA. (DECEASED);

MRS.

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED), CAA - HIJACKING,  
INTIMIDATION OF CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, KIDNAPING,  
OO JK.

JACKSONVILLE DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER TWENTYONE, SEVENTYONE.

CONTACT WITH CLERK USDC, JACKSONVILLE; AND USA'S OFFICE,  
JACKSONVILLE, THIS DATE, REVEALED NO MOTIONS OR PETITIONS FILED  
RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL OR CIVIL ACTIONS AS OF THIS DATE OTHER THAN  
ORIGINAL MOTION FOR DISCOVERY FILED BY [REDACTED] ATTORNEY ON OCTOBER  
SEVEN, LAST. CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED TO INSURE PROMPT  
NOTIFICATION OF ANY SUCH LEGAL ACTION.

COORDINATION BETWEEN USA'S OFFICE AND LEGAL OFFICE FAA,

SOUTHERN REGIONS, ATLANTA, GA., THIS DATE CONCLUDED WITH FAA OCT 22 1971  
ATLANTA MAKING TRANSCRIPT OF ALREADY AVAILABLE TAPES CONCERNING  
FLIGHT. INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY ATLANTA OF POSSIBILITY THAT FAA  
CONTROL TOWER PERSONNEL IN NASHVILLE OBSERVED VICTIM SUSAN GIFFE

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BEING DRAGGED FROM CAR TO AIRPLANE ON OCT. FOUR, LAST.

UPON INVESTIGATION OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS BY ATLANTA, MEMPHIS  
WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SAME AMONG PERSONNEL AT NASHVILLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 10/19/71

FROM : D. J. Dalbey

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM RESPECTING OCTOBER 4, 1971  
HIJACKING OF HAWK COMMANDER 9058N FROM  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA;  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED), et al.  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.

We have received a letter dated October 15, 1971, from attorneys representing the estate of the deceased pilot and his next of kin, the estate of victim Mrs. Susan Giffe, and her next of kin, and Big Brother Aircraft, Inc., the owner of the aircraft involved. The purpose of the letter is to file a formal administrative claim on behalf of these plaintiffs as a prerequisite to filing a civil suit against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

The letter alleges that agents of the United States committed wrongful acts in connection with this hijacking in that they refused to refuel the aircraft, they refused to follow requests and instructions of the pilot, they opened fire on the aircraft, and they failed to safeguard the lives of the occupants. They claim that these failures to heed the warnings and to guard against risk of injury proximately caused the deaths and damages suffered. They attached a transcript of the recordings of radio communications between the pilot and Government employees at Jacksonville, Florida, as evidence of the wrongful conduct of the Federal agents.

The damages claimed are one million five hundred thousand dollars in regard to the death of the pilot, \$750,000 in regard to the death of Mrs. Giffe, and \$250,000 due to damages to the aircraft and loss of business.

Enc. sent 10-20-71

- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Ponder
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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*Gaffney*

[Redacted Box]

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*[Signature]*

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson  
RE: ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM RESPECTING OCTOBER 4, 1971  
HIJACKING ETC.

By sending this letter to us they are complying with Title 28, Section 2675, of the United States Code which prohibits the filing of a civil suit against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act unless the plaintiff shall have first presented the claim to the appropriate Federal agency for administrative disposition. Such claims may be handled by the agency involved. However, Title 28, United States Code, Section 2672, requires that any settlement in excess of \$25,000 shall be effected only with the prior written approval of the Attorney General. Therefore, this matter should be immediately referred to the Department for their advice as to the proper procedure to be followed. Moreover, the letter specifically asks that they be advised forthwith if we should take the position that their letter does not fully and completely comply with filing requirements under the Federal Tort Claims Act and they asked that we specify what further steps we deem necessary to satisfy the filing requirements for these administrative claims. This question should be referred to the Department for their advice as to an appropriate response.

We should also clear with the Department our letter acknowledging receipt of the letter of October 15, 1971.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the Attorney General advising him of receipt of this administrative claim, and requesting his advice.

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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9:43PM NITEL 10-22-71 DBC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TO: DIRECTOR

OCT 22 1971

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

TELETYPE

NEWARK

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FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76)

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MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED); BRENT DOWNS -  
VICTIM (DECEASED); [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING; FTCA; OO: JACKSONVILLE.

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RE JACKSONVILLE NITEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, OCTOBER TWENTY  
ONE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES, RE JACKSONVILLE NITEL  
SET FORTH LEADS AT NASHVILLE AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION AT  
NASHVILLE DETERMINED THE INDIVIDUALS TO BE INTERVIEWED OR  
INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED IS LOCATED IN OTHER DIVISIONS.

FOR INFORMATION WFO, THIS DATE [REDACTED] CLERK,  
USDC, MDT, NASHVILLE, ADVISED THEIR OFFICE MAINTAINS NO  
PASSPORT RECORDS RE SUBJECT GIFFE AND VICTIM GIFFE AS ALL  
ARE FORWARDED TO PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FOR INFORMATION NEWARK, SEARCH OF BLACK LEATHER ATTACHE  
CASE AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APPARENTLY OWNED BY SUBJECT  
GIFFE, REVEALED COPY OF LETTER TO [REDACTED] FROM NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN; COPY OF LETTER FROM TWO GUYS DEPART-  
MENT STORE VERIFYING EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND COPY OF LETTER FROM NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE RECOMMENDING  
[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION AT NASHVILLE DETERMINED THERE  
ARE NO TWO GUYS DEPARTMENT STORES AT NASHVILLE. REVIEW OF  
NINETEEN SEVENTYONE DESK DIARY FOUND IN VEHICLE USED BY  
SUBJECT GIFFE, APPARENTLY OWNED BY GIFFE, MAKES REFERENCE  
TO [REDACTED] BLACK PANTHERS, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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JACKSONVILLE SET FORTH LEAD TO CONTACT TWO GUYS DEPARTMENT  
STORE AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] RE ASSOCIATION AND  
ACTIVITIES WITH SUBJECT GIFFE.

FOR INFORMATION KNOXVILLE, LOCATED IN BLACK ATTACHE  
CASE AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WERE NUMEROUS ITEMS OF  
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CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM [REDACTED] SUBJECT GIFFE, AND

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[REDACTED] JACKSONVILLE INDICATED [REDACTED] FAMILY

COMES FROM CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, AND [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

OF A FIRM KNOWN AS CONSOLIDATED GOLD PYRITE CORPORATION.

INVESTIGATION AT NASHVILLE DETERMINED [REDACTED] MAY RESIDE

AT [REDACTED]

KNOXVILLE AT CLEVELAND. IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND

INTERVIEW HIM RE HIS ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVITIES WITH SUBJECT

GIFFE AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT [REDACTED]

NEWARK, UTILIZING TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

AND INTERVIEW RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT GIFFE. CONTACT

TWO GUYS DEPARTMENT STORE IF LOCATED THERE FOR ASSISTANCE

IN LOCATING [REDACTED]

WFO AT PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, REVIEW  
PASSPORT RECORDS IN NAME SUSAN G. GIFFE, PASSPORT NUMBER  
A ONE THREE NINE TWO SIX TWO TWO ISSUED JUNE NINETEEN NINETEEN  
SEVENTY AND PASSPORT NUMBER A ONE ZERO THREE TWO SIX FIVE TWO  
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ISSUED TO GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., ISSUED JUNE SEVENTEEN  
NINETEEN SEVENTY. DETERMINE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FURNISHED  
AT TIME OF APPLICATION FOR PASSPORTS AND DETERMINE ANY  
INDICATION OF INTENDED USE.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THIS CASE MUST RECEIVE  
PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. RESULTS OF LEADS MUST  
BE SENT BY TELETYPE AND ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION PLACED IN  
FD THREE-ZERO TWOS AFTER JACKSONVILLE FURNISHED TELETYPE  
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TO SACS JACKSONVILLE  
MEMPHIS

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA, DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); BRENT

DOWNES DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); DASH VICTIM, CAA

DASH HIJACKING; KIDNAPING, FTCA, OO: JACKSONVILLE.

THE FOLLOWING LEADS ARE BEING SET FORTH FOR YOUR OFFICES AND  
ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED ALL INCLUSIVE. INSURE ALL FACETS OF THIS  
INVESTIGATION RECEIVE PREFERRED INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

MEMPHIS

ONE. SEARCH OF GIFFE'S RESIDENCE INDICATED INTERNAL REVENUE  
SERVICE (IRS) INSTITUTED AUDIT OF GIFFE'S NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT THROUGH  
NINETEEN SEVENTY TAX RETURNS. CONTACT IRS FOR ANY AVAILABLE  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH THEIR INVESTIGATION.

TWO. FURNISH KNOWN HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF GIFFE FOR FUTURE

HANDWRITING COMPARISONS.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
Ponder \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELETYPE TO SAC JACKSONVILLE  
RE: GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR.

THREE. ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ANALYSIS OF GIFFE'S MENTAL CONDITION AND STABILITY FOR THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO HIJACKING THROUGH INTERVIEW OF ASSOCIATES AND DOCTORS. DETERMINE FROM GIFFE'S PSYCHIATRIST [REDACTED] IF GIFFE CONSIDERED BY HIM TO HAVE TENDENCIES FOR VIOLENCE AND/OR SUICIDE. b6 b7C

FOUR. INSURE ALL ASSOCIATES OF [REDACTED] ARE INTERVIEWED IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH COMPLETE RELATIONS BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND GIFFE.

FIVE: RECONTACT COPILOT [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SIGNED STATEMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE HIS RECENT REMARK THAT HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH FBI ACTION AT JACKSONVILLE. SPECIFICALLY DETERMINE WHY [REDACTED] AND DOWNS DID NOT TAKE OFF JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT WHEN SO INSTRUCTED BY GIFFE AS THEY COULD HAVE FLOWN TO TAMPA OR OTHER NEARBY AIR FIELD. DETERMINE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR THEIR LANDING AT JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE

ONE. SET FORTH LEAD TO HAVE NAVY RECORD OF [REDACTED] REVIEWED.

TWO. SUBMIT UNDATED HANDWRITTEN LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT/FOUND OF GIFFE ABOARD AIRCRAFT AT JACKSONVILLE ALONG WITH OTHER KNOWN HANDWRITING OF GIFFE TO LABORATORY TO DETERMINE IF LABORATORY CAN ESTABLISH APPROXIMATE TIME LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT WRITTEN.

THREE. RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND OTHER PILOTS WHO WERE AT

TELETYPE TO SAC JACKSONVILLE  
RE: GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR.

JACKSONVILLE AIR KAMAN AND DEVELOP SPECIFIC TIME SEQUENCE

REGARDING THEIR HEARING OF SHOTS BEING FIRED TO SUBSTANTIATE

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TESTIMONY OF SA  THAT SHOTS WERE HEARD PRIOR TO APPROACHING  
AIRCRAFT.

NOTE:

This concerns hijacking of chartered aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, 10/4/71.

Jacksonville and Memphis have both submitted initial reports which have been reviewed and above instructions being set forth to insure all aspects of investigation are being covered.

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| Miss Holmes    | _____ b7C |
| Miss Gandy     | _____     |

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7:33PM NITEL 10-23-71 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

DALLAS

WFO

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) (7P)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE., AKA DASH VICTIM (DECEASED);

BRENT DOWNS DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); [REDACTED] DASH

VICTIM. CAA DASH HIJACKING; KIDNAPING, FTCA. OO: JACKSONVILLE.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS, OCTOBER  
TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, AND JACKSONVILLE NITEL TO BUREAU  
AND OTHER OFFICES, OCTOBER TWENTYONE, LAST.

MEMPHIS DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT.

FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, RE JACKSONVILLE

NITEL SET FORTH LEADS AT NASHVILLE AND INVESTIGATION  
DETERMINED RECORDS FOR INDIVIDUALS LOCATED IN OTHER

DIVISIONS. LEADS ARE SET FORTH TO OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION RE SUBJECTS AND VICTIMS.

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FOR INFO DALLAS BRANIFF FASTCHARGE CREDIT CARD

NO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS LOCATED IN WALLET OF [REDACTED] AT JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA.

[REDACTED] BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL, NASHVILLE,  
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TENNESSEE, ADVISED ALL RECORDS RE FASTCHARGE CREDIT CARDS  
MAINTAINED BY BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL CREDIT AND COLLECTION  
SECTION, BRANIFF BUILDING, EXCHANGE PARK, DALLAS, TEXAS.

OFFICIALS, SUPERCARD, NASHVILLE, ADVISED SUBJECT

[REDACTED] HAS CURRENT ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAINTAINED IN SATISFACTORY

CONDITION AND CHARGES ARE FOR USUAL CLOTHING, AUTO AND  
OTHER PURCHASES.

FOR INFO WFO AND DENVER, DURING INTERVIEW WITH  
VICTIM GIFFE'S FATHER, [REDACTED] HE STATED SUBJECT  
GIFFE DURING MALARIA ATTACKS MENTIONED NAME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO IS IN U.S. AIR FORCE, WASHINGTON, D. C. SOURCES

AT NASHVILLE INDICATE [REDACTED] HAS RETURNED TO U. S. AIR FORCE AS  
AN OFFICER AND [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT GIFFE WERE BUSINESS

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ACQUAINTANCES. REVIEW OF ADDRESS BOOK OF SUBJECT GIFFE AT  
NASHVILLE LISTS NAME [REDACTED] WITH FOLLOWING NUMBERS:

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[REDACTED] (OFFICE);  
[REDACTED]

FOR INFO BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE, USA CHARLES ANDERSON,  
MDT, NASHVILLE, STATED THIS DATE HE WILL RESIST ALL MOTIONS  
AND PETITIONS FILED ON BEHALF OF WLAC DASH TV IN THEIR MOTION  
TO INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER UNDER RULE TWENTYFOUR (A) OF  
FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

ANDERSON ADVISED HE LEARNED FROM OFFICIALS OF WSM DASH  
TV, INC., THAT THEY ALSO INTEND TO FILE A SIMILAR MOTION UNDER THE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT, TITLE FIVE, SECTION FIVE FIVE TWO, USC,  
HOWEVER ANDERSON ADVISED HE HAS NOT BEEN SERVED WITH THIS  
MOTION AND EXPECTS TO BE FILED NEXT WEEK.

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ANDERSON STATED HE WILL RESIST THE WLAC DASH TV MOTION AS THIS IS INTERVENTION IN THE ORIGINAL CASE PREVIOUSLY FILED IN A SUIT TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY ON THE GROUNDS OF ARTIFICIAL CONNECTIONS. ANDERSON STATED HE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL PROPOSED GOVERNMENT ANSWERS TO BE FILED IN CONNECTION WITH BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, LAST. ANDERSON STATES FURTHER GROUNDS WILL BE THE TV STATION HAS NO RIGHT TO THIS INFORMATION AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PORCEDURE OUTLINED IN PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT. ANDERSON STATES THAT COURT MIGHT RULE THAT SEPARATE SUITS SHOULD BE FILED AND GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER TO THIS WILL BE THAT THE TV STATIONS ADMINISTRTATIVE REMEDIES ARE NOT EXHAUSTED AND ALSO INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS ARE NOT DISCOVERABLE.

ANDERSON ADVISED WITH REGARD TO SUIT FILED BY ATTORNEY FOR BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT AND OTHERS, THE PETITION WHICH ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN COPIES AND ACCESS TO ALL  
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INVESTIGATIVE FILES, EVIDENCE, STATEMENTS AND RIGHT TO INTERVIEW FBI AND FAA PERSONNEL AT JACKSONVILLE WILL BE RESISTED ON GROUNDS THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATIONS TO DISCLOSE SUCH AND THESE ARE NOT DISCOVERABLE. ANDERSON STATED THE ISSUE OF THE COURT'S JURISDICTION IN THIS CASE IS NOT YET RESOLVED AND ALSO PLAINTIFFS IN THIS SUIT HAVE NOT EXHAUSTED THEIR REMEDIES AS FTCA PROVIDES FOR A MANDATORY ADMINISTRATIVE ~~XX~~ SIX MONTHS WAITING PERIOD AND PLAINTIFFS HAVE NO AUTHORITY UNTIL THAT TIME. ANDERSON STATED THE OVERALL DEFENSE TO RESIST THESE PETITIONS IS A CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DISCLOSE PORTIONS OF EVIDENCE WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE PENDING CRIMINAL ACTIONS IN THIS CASE.

HEARINGS FOR THE PETITIONS AND MOTIONS ON THIS CASE ARE SET FOR USDC AT THREE THIRTY P.M. ON OCTOBER TWENTYSIX, NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF OUTCOME OF ALL CIVIL ACTIONS IN THIS CASE.  
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DALLAS, OBTAIN INFORMATION RE USE OF BRANIFF  
CREDIT CARD OF [REDACTED]  
DENVER, AT U.S. AIR FORCE RECORDS CENTER,  
DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF [REDACTED] SETTING  
FORTH LEADS TO INTERVIEW HIM AS OUTLINED IN LEAD FOR  
WFO. (NOTE [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.)

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WFO, UTILIZING TELEPHONE NUMBERS SUPPLIED, ATTEMPT  
TO LOCATE [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW AND, IN ADDITION TO  
OBTAINING ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION RE HIS ASSOCIATION  
WITH SUBJECT GIFFE, GIFFE'S ASSOCIATES AND ACTIVITIES,  
DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] KNOWS OF IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] (LAST  
NAME UNKNOWN) OR [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN),  
GIFFE'S ALLEGED MAFIA CONTACTS. SET FORTH RESULTING  
LEADS.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THIS CASE MUST  
RECEIVE PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. RESULTS  
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OF LEADS MUST BE INCORPORATED IN FD THREE ZERO TWOS AFTER  
JACKSONVILLE AND BUREAU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TELETYPE  
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Date: 10/22/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (120-263) (P)

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
BRENT DOWNS - VICTIM (DECEASED);

VICTIM,  
 CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING, FTCA

OO: JACKSONVILLE

Re Memphis teletype 10/20/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Jacksonville are one copy of Notice of Application for Public Disclosure of Information and to Secure and Perpetuate Evidence and one copy of Petition to Perpetuate Evidence filed in U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, 10/20/71.

- ② - Bureau (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Jacksonville (Encs. 2) (120-288)
- 3 - Memphis (2-120-263)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
Nashville Division

MRS. BRENT QUINTON DOWNS and  
ANDREW ARTHUR DOWNS, 622 Paces  
Ferry Road, Nashville, Tennessee,

SUSAN GERMAINE GIFFE and MAJOR  
AND MRS. JOSEPH S. LAKICH, 4122  
Moss Rose Drive, Nashville, Tennessee,

BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, INC., and  
M. P. BROTHERS, JR., Nashville  
Metropolitan Airport, Nashville,  
Tennessee,

Petitioners,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
PETITION TO PERPETUATE  
EVIDENCE

P E T I T I O N

To: The Honorable Frank Gray, Jr.  
Chief Judge, United States District Court  
for the Middle District of Tennessee

1. This petition against the United States is filed pursuant to Rules 27 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governing the perpetuation of evidence before an action is filed. Rule 34 providing for the production of documents is incorporated by reference in Rule 27(3) providing for securing and perpetuating evidence prior to filing suit. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee has jurisdiction and venue of the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b) and 1391(e).

2. Petitioners expect to be parties to separate tort actions cognizable in this court for wrongful death, injuries and damage under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2671 et seq., but are presently unable to bring such actions because of the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 2675(a) requiring the filing of Administrative Claims six months prior to instituting any legal action in federal district court. Section 2675(a) of the Tort Claims Act provides:

(a) An action shall not be instituted upon a claim against the United States for money damages for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, unless the claimant shall have first presented the claim to the appropriate Federal agency and his claim shall have been finally denied by the agency in writing and sent by certified or registered mail. The failure of an agency to make final disposition of a claim within six months after it is filed shall, at the option of the claimant any time thereafter, be deemed a final denial of the claim for purposes of this section.

This statutory delay means that relevant evidence may not be secured and perpetuated by normal procedures established for securing such evidence after suit is filed and makes applicable Rules 27 and 34 adopted to provide specifically for securing evidence under such circumstances.

3. The subject matter of the expected actions and petitioners' interest therein are set out fully in the Administrative Claim attached hereto as Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference.

4. Petitioners desire to secure, establish and perpetuate certain facts, testimony, documents, statements and reports as more fully described in the prayer for relief set out below. Petitioners cannot otherwise obtain and perpetuate these facts because the FBI and the FAA, upon request, have refused to provide such information voluntarily and have refused to permit their employees and agents to be interviewed by petitioners' attorneys or to discuss or provide them with information relating to the subject matter of the expected lawsuit other than the tape recording of conversations between government agents and the pilot of the hijacked airplane, recordings obtained by petitioners only as a result of orders of this Court on October 8, 1971, in Civil Action 6322.

WHEREFORE, petitioners ask the Court for an order as follows:

1. Authorizing the petitioners' attorneys to take the depositions of the following government agents and employees upon oral examination:

- (i) Bernard Sloan, an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration who operated the Jacksonville tower radio communication with the hijacked airplane.
- (ii) Carrol Bright, an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration, who was present in the Jacksonville tower at the time of the hijack and supervised the activities of the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (iii) Frank Burns, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who operated the FBI's radio communications with the hijacked plane at the Jacksonville tower and also operated the FBI's radio communications with FBI agents on the ground near the aircraft after it landed.
- (iv) James J. O'Connor, the FBI field agent present at the Jacksonville airport when the hijacked plane landed and in charge of the group of FBI agents who stopped, refused to refuel and fired upon the plane.
- (v) George McBride, George Murphy, Dalton Mayo and Jack Faalfield, the group of FBI agents present at the Jacksonville airport in the immediate vicinity of the hijacked airplane at the time the FBI refused to refuel and began firing upon the airplane.

2. Requiring the Government to permit petitioners' attorneys to inspect and copy or photograph photographs made and tangible objects secured in connection with its investigation of the hijacking.

3. Requiring the Government to permit petitioners' attorneys to inspect and copy results or reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests, measurements, calculations or experiments made in connection with the Government's investigation of the hijacking.
4. Requiring the United States to permit petitioners' attorneys to inspect and copy any written or recorded statements, documents or letters of the petitioners, members of their families or their employees made or obtained by the government in connection with its investigation of the hijacking.
5. Requiring the Government to permit petitioners' attorneys to inspect and copy all written or recorded statements made by agents or employees of the government, including internal government memoranda, documents and reports, describing, summarizing or commenting upon the activities and response of any government agent or employee in connection with the hijacking, including but not limited to facts, reasons, and explanations relating to the refusal by agents of the government to refuel the hijacked airplane, the refusal by agents of the government to follow the pilot's other requests regarding the airplane and its occupants and the firing upon the airplane by agents of the government.
6. Requiring the Government to permit petitioners' attorneys to inspect and copy all written or recorded statements showing information, facts and knowledge relating to the hijacked plane and its occupants in the possession of agents of the government immediately prior to the time FBI agents fired upon the airplane.

7. Requiring the Government to permit petitioners' attorneys to inspect and copy all written or recorded statements, manuals and documents showing the instructions, guidelines and directions given to government agents by higher authorities in the handling of this hijacking and any such general statements, instructions, guidelines and directions which agents of the government should have followed or considered in connection with their handling of this hijacking.
8. Requiring the Government to permit petitioners attorneys to inspect and copy any daily reports or confidential reports describing or alluding to the aforesaid hijacking made by agents or employees of the government who participated in the effort by the government to forestall the hijacked airplane from leaving the airport in Jacksonville, Florida.

*Jack A. Butler*  
Jack A. Butler

*Thomas Wardlaw Steele*  
Thomas Wardlaw Steele

*Gilbert S. Merritt*  
Gilbert S. Merritt

Of Counsel:  
Gullett, Steele, Sanford, Robinson & Merritt  
23rd Floor, Life & Casualty Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

VERIFICATION OF PETITION

STATE OF TENNESSEE)  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

Mrs. Brent Quinton Downs, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a petitioner in this cause and that the facts alleged and stated in said petition are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Mrs. Brent Quinton Downs  
Mrs. Brent Quinton Downs

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1971.

Barbara Parker  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-4-75

STATE OF TENNESSEE)  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

Major and Mrs. Joseph S. Lakich, being duly sworn, depose and say that they are petitioners in this cause and that the facts alleged and stated in said petition are true to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

Joseph S. Lakich  
Major Joseph S. Lakich

Mrs. Joseph S. Lakich  
Mrs. Joseph S. Lakich


Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1971.

Glenn Jackson  
Notary Public

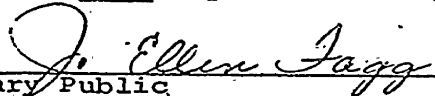
My commission expires: 1/30/74

STATE OF TENNESSEE)  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

M. P. Brothers, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the President of Big Brother Aircraft, Inc., petitioner in this cause; that the facts alleged and stated in said petition are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that he is authorized to execute this verification on behalf of the corporation of which he is the President.

  
M. P. Brothers, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1971.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 1-22-72

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
Nashville Division

MRS. BRENT QUINTON DOWNS and ANDREW )  
ARTHUR DOWNS, 622 Paces Ferry Road, )  
Nashville, Tennessee, )

SUSAN GERMAINE GIFFE and MAJOR AND )  
MRS. JOSEPH S. LAKICH, 4122 Moss )  
Rose Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, )

BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC., and )  
M. P. BROTHERS, JR., Nashville )  
Metropolitan Airport, Nashville, )  
Tennessee, )

Petitioners, )

CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PETITION TO PERPETUATE EVIDENCE

v. )

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Respondent.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF  
INFORMATION AND TO SECURE AND PERPETUATE EVIDENCE

To: The Honorable John Mitchell  
Attorney General of the United States

The Honorable Charles Hill Anderson  
United States Attorney for the Middle  
District of Tennessee

Please take notice that a transcript of tape recordings of radio communications between FAA and FBI agents and the pilot of the hijacked airplane are a part of the Administrative Claim attached as Exhibit A to the petition attached hereto but such transcript is being filed with the Court under seal and not as a part of the public record of the case. Counsel for petitioners and government counsel met in chambers with the Honorable Frank Gray, Jr., Chief Judge, on October 19, 1971, at which time government counsel objected to public disclosure of the transcript. The Court advised petitioners' counsel to file the transcript of such tapes under seal for in camera inspection and decision respecting disclosure thereof and advised government counsel to file expeditiously the reasons for government's objection to disclosure.

Please take notice that the petitioners named above will



apply to the Honorable Frank Gray, Jr., for an order making said tapes a part of the public record of the case on Friday, October 22, 1971, at nine o'clock in the morning or as soon thereafter as the Court sets the matter for hearing.

Please take further notice that the petitioners named above will apply to the Honorable Frank Gray, Jr., Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, at the United States Courthouse at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 10th day of November, 1971, at nine o'clock in the morning or as soon thereafter as the Court shall set the matter for hearing, for the order under Rule 27 described in the petition, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

Jack A. Butler  
Jack A. Butler

Thomas Wardlaw Steele  
Thomas Wardlaw Steele

Gilbert S. Merritt  
Gilbert S. Merritt

Of Counsel:  
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23rd Floor, Life & Casualty Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Certificate of Service 10-20-71.

G. Merritt

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NITEL

TO SACS JACKSONVILLE EX-112  
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OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR.; (DECEASED);

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DASH VICTIM,

CAA DASH HIJACKING; KIDNAPING; <sup>FTCA</sup> / OO: JACKSONVILLE.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE DATED TEN TWENTY SEVENTYONE.

ANY INFORMATION REGARDING CAPTIONED CASE, BOTH CRIMINAL AND  
CIVIL ACTIONS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU UNDER THE  
ABOVE CAPTION.

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NOTE: This concerns the hijacking of the chartered aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, 10/4/71. Criminal Section of General Investigative Division is supervising both the investigations involving the criminal offenses and Federal Tort Claims Act, therefore, offices are being advised to submit information under one caption.

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| Mr. Casper     | _____ |
| Mr. Conrad     | _____ |
| Mr. Dalbey     | _____ |
| Mr. Cleveland  | _____ |
| Mr. Ponder     | _____ |
| Mr. Bates      | _____ |
| Mr. [unclear]  | _____ |
| Mr. Walters    | _____ |
| Mr. Soyars     | _____ |
| Tele. Room     | _____ |
| Miss Holmes    | _____ |
| Miss Gandy     | _____ |

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4:10 PM URGENT 10-20-71 CRE

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

MRS.

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA. DASH VICTIM (DECEASED), CAA DASH

HIJACKING, INTIMIDATION OF CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED  
WEAPON; KIDNAPING, OO JK. *BRENT DOWNS - Victim*

*- Victim*

RE MEMPHIS REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] OCTOBER FOURTEEN,  
LAST, AND CHICAGO TEL TO JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS OCTOBER NINETEEN,  
LAST.

ON PAGE FOUR ONE OF REFERENCED REPORT, [REDACTED] AT  
TIME OF HER INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER FOUR, LAST, RECALLED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD REFERENCED [REDACTED] AND AN ASSOCIATE NAMED  
[REDACTED] AND ALSO THAT [REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE A LEAR JET. SHE ALSO  
MENTIONED A [REDACTED]

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, WILL RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPT  
TO HAVE HER FURTHER ELABORATE ON THE IDENTITY AND ASSOCIATION OF  
[REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] SHE SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED FOR  
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] (PH) IN ORDER THAT

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HE CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

PAGES NINETYFOUR AND NINETYSIX REFLECT CONTACTS WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD, CONCERNING GIFFE'S ASSOCIATION  
WITH THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD. RECORD CHECK AT ST. LOUIS FAILS TO DOCUMENT THE BASIC REASON FOR HIS RELEASE FROM THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD OTHER THAN FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, WILL RECONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION.

DOCTORS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER MUST BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THIS MATTER TO FULLY DEVELOP GIFFE'S MENTAL BACKGROUND.

DURING CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USAF, MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] ON PAGE FORTYTWO, SO THAT HE CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GIFFE.

AT THE TIME OF THE RECONTACT WITH [REDACTED] SHE SHOULD BE TACTFULLY ADVISED CONCERNING HER REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OF [REDACTED] THAT THE USA'S OFFICE HAD  
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DECLINED TO RELEASE ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS AT THIS TIME. ASSURE HER THAT ALL PROPERTY IS ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED AND IT WILL BE RETURNED UPON RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION BY USA.

INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED] MUST BE COMPLETE AND EXHAUSTIVE RELATIVE TO GIFFE'S ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES. DURING INTERVIEWS BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT [REDACTED] WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THIS VENTURE. CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT ATTORNEYS CONNECTED WITH THIS MATTER MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN LAW FIRMS REPRESENTING [REDACTED] AND THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIM MATTER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re:

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

File # 164-2042  
Lab. # D-711026097 AX

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka - VICTIM  
(DECEASED)

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CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

Examination requested by: MEMPHIS (164-76) ~~Let~~ 10/21/71  
(Airtel)

Examination requested: Document - ~~Fingerprint~~

Date received: 10/28/71

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Jey 11/4

*Searched New and NP in PLF - h*  
*3A 4UC NP Jenn (H) 11-4-71*  
Specimens submitted for examination

- ✓ Q29 <sup>hw</sup> Page one of letter to Susan beginning " Please, please keep. . ."
- ✓ Q30 <sup>hw</sup> Page two of letter to Susan beginning " he takes such good care. . ."
- ✓ Q31 <sup>hw</sup> Page three of letter to Susan beginning "and anytime things. . ."
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- ✓ Q37 <sup>hD</sup> Envelope bearing address   
 Attention:
- ✓ Q38 <sup>hw</sup> Letter to  beginning " When you read these lines. . ."

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- Q39 Envelope bearing address, <sup>HP</sup> [redacted] b6  
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- ✓ Q40 <sup>HW</sup> Page one of letter to [redacted] beginning "It goes without. . ."
- ✓ Q41 <sup>HW</sup> Page two of letter to [redacted] beginning [redacted] please  
realize. . ."
- ✓ Q42 <sup>HW</sup> Page three of letter to [redacted] beginning "it was mine to  
handle. . ."
- ✓ Q43 <sup>HP</sup> Envelope bearing address, "Lt. Col. George M. Giffe, Jr.,  
324-Gaywood Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37211"
- ✓ Q44 <sup>HW</sup> Letter to Dad beginning "I love you with all . . ."
- ✓ Q45 Note to [redacted] beginning "Phone [redacted] at [redacted] . . ."

FBI

Date: 10/21/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (164-76) (P)  
 SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka - VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

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Enclosed herewith, and via registered mail, are five letters believed to be written by subject GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (Deceased) and which were recovered by Det. [redacted] Nashville Metropolitan PD, Nashville, Tenn., after a search of GIFFE's 1970 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, Tenn. license 2N9360. This automobile had been abandoned at the Nashville, Tenn., Metropolitan Airport prior to the time GIFFE and [redacted] hijacked instant aircraft. The five letters are identified as follows:

(A) Letter to SUSAN

(B) Letter addressed to [redacted]

Attn: [redacted]

(C) Letter addressed to [redacted]

(D) Letter addressed to Lt. Col. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., 324 Gaywood Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

(E) Note to [redacted]

Known handwriting samples of GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., will be obtained by the Memphis Division and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory as soon as those specimens are available.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)  
 2 - Memphis  
 OVJ:cjs  
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ENCLOSURE

"ENCLOSURE ATTACHED"

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Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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COPY &amp; SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION &amp; REPORT

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting on the enclosed five letters with the handwriting in extortion notes on file which have not been identified. It is further requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting of GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., after the specimens have been forwarded to the Laboratory.

The Laboratory is also requested to conduct any other examination which might be logical to instant investigation.

// After above requested examinations, all five letters, as well as the known handwriting of GIFFE, to be submitted at a later date, should be returned to the Memphis Division.

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(Airtel)

Examination requested: Document Date received: 10/26/71

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*P. Turner*  
11/8/71

Specimens submitted for examination

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Envelope bearing address, [REDACTED]

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Re:

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Page one of letter to [REDACTED] beginning "It goes without. . ."

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Page two of letter to [REDACTED] Lab. # [REDACTED] beginning [REDACTED] please realize. . ."

Q42

Page three of letter to [REDACTED] beginning "it was mine to handle. . ."

Examination requested by:

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Examination requested:

Envelope bearing address, "Lt. Col. George M. Giffe, Jr.,  
324 Gaywood Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37211"

Result of Examination:

Q44

Letter to Dad beginning "I love you both all . . ."

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Note to [REDACTED] beginning "Phone [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] . . ."

Specimens submitted for examination

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Phone [ ] at [ ] tell  
her goodbye for me! she will understand

WILL DECLARATION

⑦  
② GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. being of sound mind and body hereby give this last will and testament.

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(1) I give all my monies found in the following accounts Third National Bank (35-15-552-3) and First American National Bank (133-104-8) immediately upon my death to my wife as trustee for my children.

(2) My insurance policy with Prudential Mutual Life (# 2082668) to my wife as trustee for my children.

(3) All the interest and stock in all my sister Verstopf Carpenter, 1844 N. V. Realty Company, Atlanta Development Corporation, Al Huff Club, Nashville, Tennessee, and my own (originator) Al Huff Club, (originator) to my wife as trustee for my children.

(4) My books, documents, and writings shall stay with and remain with the heirs of my immediate family passing from son to son, daughter to daughter etc.

(13)

- (5) My personal property such as tape recorder, records shall be the property of my wife and children.
- (6) My automobile (which shall be paid in full at the time of my death) shall pass to my wife.
- (7) All property owned by me shall pass to my wife as trustee for my children.
- (8) I hereby set forth a curse upon all those who would attempt to alter or change this my last will and testament.

[~~Signature~~] Execd

P.S.

over me \$3000.00 as  
a bank note and 475.00 in office and  
security service. S.M.S.

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9. 10,000 shares of Al Hunt Mordis Gen, Antennal  
shall be transferred from my estate to Joseph  
Grossman for his my support and personal  
security. In addition \$10,000 shall further  
be bequeathed her for all the money I am  
or legally obligated by her. The transfer of  
such and other one to be control after my  
partner from [redacted] is to  
assume and maintain permanent employment  
with Al Hunt Mordis Gen Antennal for  
the life of Mrs. Grossman. Annual amount in  
the amount of \$2,500.00 to begin the year of my  
death and to be continued as paid for three  
years. At the time of my death, [redacted]  
is to be issued to \$9,500.00 per year. Her portion  
of security to the Bank of America of Al Hunt  
Mordis Gen, Antennal shall be a permanent portion.  
The corporation in I secure a retirement plan and  
plan will be so incorporated under [redacted]  
said term with said corporation. Any and all legal  
costs required by [redacted] is to be paid by or from  
said dividend from stock owned by me George M. B. B.  
in Al Hunt Mordis Gen, Antennal.

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Dear

Comp 71-116154

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When you read these lines I will be at a point of no return. Please understand that a man must make a decision which he sometimes does not want to make. But this one was an order! I enjoyed the gentle girl I knew and held in my arms for a short time. Because of you I had my joy and a great time in Atlanta. You love and because you cared her most send to me.

Remember: "Life is made up of small comings and goings. And for every day we take with us, there is something we leave behind..." the sum of 42. Burn this letter after you read it.

Much love - I step into tomorrow!  
Sey.

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Comp 71-11654

Dearest Dad

I love you with all my heart and soul  
— no words can really describe  
my pride and devotion to you. You  
were a brave sincere soldier in  
the quietest way in the world.  
Susan became she knows too  
much about me and what I  
have done in the past — I have  
been given the order to solemn  
until your body — but Dad  
it isn't easy for you to see  
she is my life — my faith —  
my sunshine. To admit  
this order is to bid myself  
also. I cannot do the one  
without losing the other.

Keep up that getting "back haul"  
again and I will do the  
same. God bless my mother and  
the core of her. There is a  
vast no man's land between  
the sons of darkness and the  
sons of light. If the type you  
kill the best he is dead  
also.

Bear this  
letter off to  
you right

With my deepest love  
and devotion

Your Son

P.S. I loved  
before I sold  
line again.

Dear gentle

~~Comp 71-116154~~

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It goes without saying that you are the noblest of men. Without your support I could not have held the line.

Susan is a love that I never knew with any other woman. She is beyond words. My love and devotion to her is beyond my own likes and loves for myself.


She is the only woman I could ever be with body and soul. My nights and days without her recently have been beyond my ability to stand. And now that I have been given this order - it is I too who must perish - because you see without her life does not exist.

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 please realize I know that I have been here before and will come again. It seems that the Gods like to play their actor upon the stage of earth. I know no fear except I cannot take her without taking me. Because you see with each breath she takes my heart beats with hers.

She has been my constant love all my life - I have searched for her throughout my life. Because she loves me so she wanted to know more about me than she should, and she could not handle the information.

My people are good and just but cannot let me or anyone expose what we know and what we are. When the order came down

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it was nice to handle.

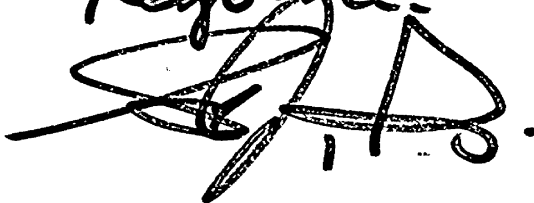
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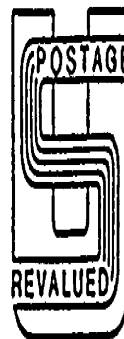
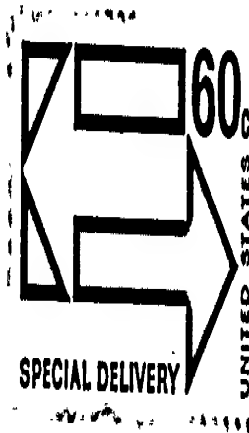
[ ] will be in touch with you  
concerning the Swiss accounts —  
I hope that the money can do  
some good — I spend my tight  
months saving it.

[ ] phone [ ]

[ ] and tell her  
beautiful blond I love her too.  
Our little girl I know for a brief  
moment.

Well [ ] — my account (suit)  
will pay off a large portion of  
my debts (Domestic). More money  
will come in soon.

All my love and  
Regards  




LT. COL. GEORGE M. PIFFE, JR.  
324. PAYWOOD DRIVE  
NASHVILLE, TENN. 37211

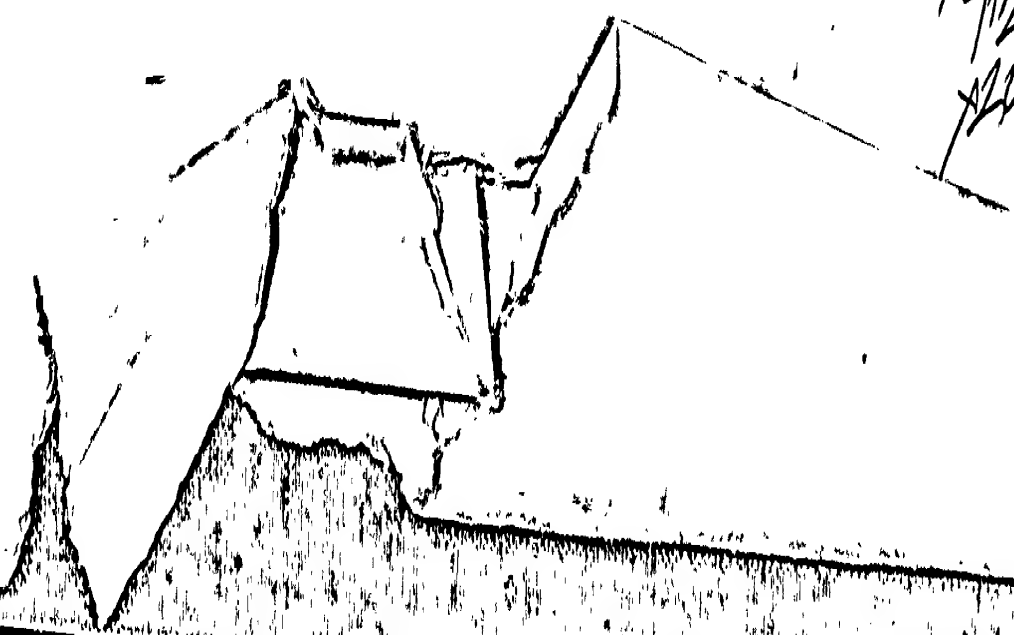
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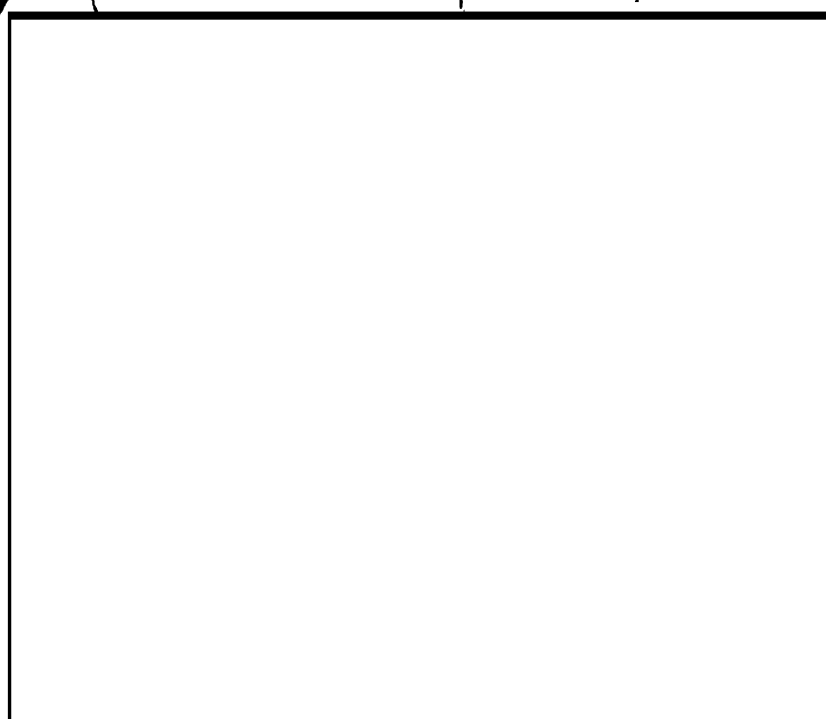




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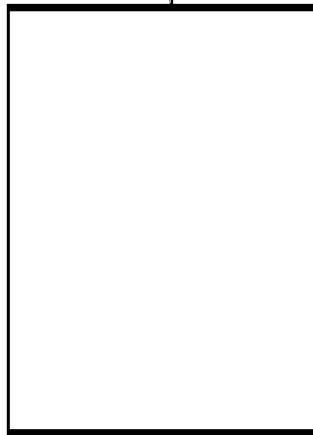
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Dear Susan

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Please, Please keep from being so bitter  
as directed by your mother. I have  
always loved [redacted] and I better than  
anybody know what she has been through  
with [redacted]. I have always been her  
friend and she has always been so  
thoughtful with my little mother  
and father. When I had to be out  
of town on mother's birthday you and  
[redacted] just made her day by coming  
over. It is a very bad thing to get so  
mad that mean and cruel things are  
said about one's parents. I would  
never do anything to hurt you or your  
feelings. I have always given you  
and [redacted] the best advice - hardly  
you both to [redacted] because

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He takes such good care of my family,  
and your family became mine.

I have never loved anything in life the  
way I love you from the block

residue in the corner of your eyes to  
the cramps you get from meum. There  
is not a "shiner pox" scar that I haven't  
kissed at least a million times. No  
woman has ever been loved or cared for  
more than I love and cared for you.

I feel each pain and know each joy  
— there is no one that I'd rather  
purchase a gift for I love and  
adore the look in your eyes when  
some little thing meets with your  
powerful approval. A thrill runs through  
me when something I do is OK approved.

Susan, please analyze for anyone ever  
tried so hard to please you more

and anytime things happen that I  
cannot help or control you and  
 [redacted] descend on me with very abusive  
intention - if I were not a strong  
 man I could not take it.

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Because I am a man I cannot turn my  
 back on what I owe! I do not intend  
 to bankrupt I shall pay it all - every  
 lost cent no one will lose. You  
 must realize that I cannot hope to  
 fulfill this feat! on a salary -.

You and I have had tight moments  
 but we never did without food  
 and shelter - I always maintained  
 a good standard of life even under  
 adverse circumstances. People have  
 run out leaving me with the bog to  
 hold and hold it & stall. no girls  
 no blue ships. That night that

[redacted] was so damn due to drink  
 and you stood with me it meant

so much - to feel you hug me so  
tight and say George, I will never  
leave you you always have my love  
and care? "why are people so cruel"

When I say these words in my mind  
eye tears well up in my eyes. Because  
you have always been my personal property  
and my little girl many times I did  
not share my great problem and heart  
aches. — not because I did not love  
you — but because I loved you so much  
I could not bare to have you hurt by  
my problems. But, you see Susan, you  
are capable of helping me by knowing!  
The world is tough and mean as I am  
sure you know by now in your  
employment etc. I do not want anything  
or anyone to ever hurt you — God only  
knows what I have gone through without  
your precious presence. You can say  
anything about me but you know



that I have always thought of you first.  
 I could never bare to see you sad or  
 hurt — as to your penny each piece  
 was carefully selected and purchased by  
 me for my special girl my love my  
life my precious wife. Yes, look  
 up and see the man looking at you  
 as you take his money — He and  
 they will never love you the way I  
 do or as completely as I do. You  
 could run a blade through my heart  
 and I would kiss you with my dying  
 breath! you know this is true! Only  
 you can make me happy or ever  
satisfy me! There is no other face  
 or smile that exist in my world or  
 beyond my world except you. Susan,  
 you love me and you always have  
 but I also love you and nothing  
 shall ever take this love from

Susan, our life has been good and full  
 of many pleasures but you must remember  
life is not all pleasure it is  
 made up of strong power like the night  
 you held me so tight and cried with  
 me in my disappointment over Jimmy.  
 The cologne that you bought me because  
 "it was as close to 'Spain' 'Mangelle'  
 as I could get". Yes the record of  
SUMMER OF '42 and the Saturday  
 and Sunday "Steak biscuits" with eggs.  
 The long walks in the woods "Little  
 Harpeth". The late night calls when  
 I was in Atlanta - me getting to the  
 airport (2) two hour early just because  
 I missed and wanted to have you with  
 me. The thoughtful things you did  
 for me: being with me when I was  
 troubled. Us lying in bed with your  
 legs over mine and reading our little  
Sunday's newspapers. The late night

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milk shakes that you did not want but  
always seemed to drink? The care with  
which each of us prepared food for each  
other - our spotless little kitchen  
the way you made the beds & clean  
the bathroom to perfection.

Susan, I love you! and I know  
the late night and early morning  
pains of loneliness with each other!  
who, really cares for each other the way  
you and I do - when we both had  
the flu we both loved and took good  
care of each other through it all.  
no woman in your family ever had a man  
who gave her so much so carefully  
selected or so much of himself.

"Life is made up of small comings and  
goings. And for everything we take  
with us, there is something we leave  
behind." SUMMER OF 42 I wished

I had written these words — but I have written words of similar caliber to you.

THINK, THINK, THINK, THINK

WHAT WE MEAN TO EACH  
OTHER AND OUR PRECIOUS

RELATIONSHIP AND HOW WE

BELOW TOGETHER ALWAYS!  
With all my love and  
devotion

Your loving husband

P.S.  God Bless Her for not  
upsetting my father he has  
so much on his SOUL

EX-102

The Attorney General

October 20, 1971

Director, FBI

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→ [Handwritten signature]

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM RESPECTING OCTOBER 4, 1971,  
HIJACKING OF HAWK COMMANDER 9058N FROM  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA;  
GEORGE M. GIEFFE, JR. (DECEASED), et al.  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING**

We are in receipt of a letter dated October 15, 1971, from attorneys representing the estates and next of kin of persons killed or whose property was damaged at Jacksonville, Florida, on October 4, 1971, during a recent aircraft hijacking. The purpose of the letter is to file a formal administrative claim for damages as a prerequisite to filing suit under the Federal Tort Claims Act. The basis for the claim is described in the letter as the failure of agents of the United States to heed warnings and to guard against risk of injury to occupants of the aircraft which proximately caused the deaths and damages suffered.

The damages claimed, ranging from \$250,000 property damage to \$1,500,000 for wrongful death, are far in excess of the \$25,000 maximum which may be settled without prior written approval of the Attorney General. Therefore, we request your advice as to the proper procedure to be followed in this matter.

Further, the letter requests advice "forthwith" if we should take the position that the letter does not fully and completely comply with the filing requirements under the Act and that we specify what further steps we would deem necessary to satisfy the filing requirements for these administrative claims. Please advise us how we may appropriately respond to this specific inquiry.

Finally, we propose to acknowledge receipt of this letter by sending a reply letter containing the following text. Please advise whether such a reply should be sent in this form.

NOTE: Based on memorandum D. J. Dalbey to Mr. Tolson, captioned as above, 10/19/71, JAM:mfd.

JAM:mfd

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The Attorney General

"Your letter of October 15, 1971, regarding an administrative claim respecting October 4, 1971, hijacking of Hawk Commander 9058N from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, has been received. It and its attachment have been referred to the Department of Justice."

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the letter of October 15, 1971, and its attached transcript of the recordings of radio communications between the pilot and the Government employees at Jacksonville, Florida.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37219  
TELEPHONE

October 15, 1971

The Honorable John Mitchell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20000

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20000

The Honorable John Volpe  
Secretary of Transportation  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D. C. 20000

The Honorable John Shaffer, Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D. C. 20000

Re: Administrative Claim Respecting October 4, 1971,  
Hijacking of Hawk Commander 9058N from Nashville,  
Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida

Gentlemen:

The undersigned attorneys jointly represent the interests of  
(1) the estate of Brent Quinton Downs, deceased, and his next-of-kin,  
[redacted] and his surviving child, [redacted]  
[redacted] nineteen months of age, [redacted]  
(2) the estate of Mrs. Susan Lakich Giffe, deceased, and  
her next-of-kin, [redacted] her surviving child, age  
twenty-two months, and [redacted] who are Mrs.  
Giffe's mother and father and the guardians of her surviving child,  
all residing at [redacted] and (3)  
Sig Brother Aircraft, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, and its owner  
and [redacted]

The purpose of this letter is to file a formal Administrative  
Claim on their behalf pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, as  
amended, 28 USC §§ 1346(b), 2672, 2674 and 2675, for compensation for

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The Honorable John Mitchell  
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The Honorable John Volpe  
The Honorable John Shaffer

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wrongful death, injuries and damage resulting from the negligence, reckless disregard of life and property and other wrongful acts and omissions of agents and employees of the United States, namely employees and agents of the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, acting within the scope of employment.

The wrongful acts occurred on or about October 4, 1971, at the airport in Jacksonville, Florida, in connection with such agents' treatment and handling of the hijacking of a Hawk Commander 9058N airplane owned by Big Brother Aircraft, Inc. The United States agents and employees failed and refused to refuel or permit refueling of the airplane after repeated requests by the pilot, Brent Quinton Downs, or otherwise to follow his requests and instructions with respect to the treatment and handling of the hijacking, opened fire upon the aircraft and failed to safeguard and protect the lives of the occupants of the plane. The United States agents had been warned and had actual knowledge that threatening conduct and hostile acts toward the plane and its occupants would create an unreasonably great risk of harm and the heedless and careless behavior of these agents fell far below the standard established by law for the protection of others against injury and unreasonably, recklessly and negligently magnified the danger of injury to the occupants. The agents' failure to heed the warnings given and failure to guard against the risk of injury apparent from the facts within their knowledge proximately caused the deaths and damages suffered. As a result of these wrongful acts by United States agents, the hijacker of the plane killed Brent Quinton Downs and Susan Lakich Giffe and then killed himself, and the aircraft was severely damaged.

For your information we are attaching a transcript of the recordings of radio communications between the pilot of the airplane and government employees at Jacksonville, Florida, as evidence of wrongful conduct of the agents of the United States in connection with the hijacking. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation approached the airplane on the ground and began firing upon the aircraft at approximately 9:30 A.M. Greenwich Mean Time or 5:30 Eastern Daylight Time, contrary to the repeated instructions of the pilot, as evidenced by the attached transcript.

For these wrongful acts and omissions, notice of an Administrative Claim is hereby given to the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, as follows:



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The Honorable John Shaffer

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1. The estate and next-of-kin of Brent Quinton Downs claim damages for wrongful death in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00).
2. The estate and next-of-kin of Susan Lakich Giffe claim damages for wrongful death in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00).
3. Big Brother Aircraft, Inc. and [redacted] as [redacted] claim damages to the aircraft, its loss of use and damage to his business resulting therefrom in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).

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The purpose of this notice is to comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act requiring the filing of an Administrative Claim prior to the institution of a suit in Federal District Court for damages. Please advise us forthwith if you should take the position that this letter does not fully and completely comply with filing requirements under the Act and specify what further steps you deem necessary to satisfy the filing requirements for these Administrative Claims.

Sincerely,



GSM:plz

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Charles H. Anderson  
United States District Attorney  
for Middle Tennessee  
United States Court House  
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The Honorable John Mitchell  
The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
The Honorable John Volpe  
The Honorable John Shaffer

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NASHVILLE TAPE

Pilot: Commander 9058. We're at Big Brother. We're instruments down to Atlanta. We're ready to taxi.

Ground Control: Commander 9058 November, Nashville Ground Control.

Taxi Runway 31 or 2R, your choice. The wind is calm, the altimeter 30.00. Over.

P: OK. Thirty aught. And, uh, we'll take 31.

GC: All right, sir. Have your clearance when you are ready to copy.

P: OK. Ready to copy.

GC: Commander, 58 November. Cleared to the Atlanta airport, as filed. Maintain one one thousand. Expect further clearance at one three thousand within 10 minutes after departure, and squawk one thousand just before departure.

P: Cleared to Atlanta as filed, one one thousand expect one three thousand in 10 minutes. Squawk one thousand.

GC: Commander 58 November. Readback correct.

(Pause)

0655.10

0657.15

Airport Security Police: 52 Ground.

GC: 52 Ground. Go ahead.

AP: (Reply unclear)

GC: Say again, 52.

AP: We're (unclear) this aircraft.

GC: Roger.

0657.55

P: 58 November's rolling. (Pause) Commander 58 November. We're rolling, 31.

0658.25

AP: 52 Ground, we're going down the runway.

GC: Roger.

0658.40

0658.50

AP: It don't look like he's going to stop.

GC: You're right there.

AP: Clear to cross 2L--20R?

GC: Cross 2L--20R.

0659.05

AP: I guess you better call the FBI.

P: OK, 58 November's runway heading.

GC:] 58 November, make left or right turn.. Proceed on course.

P: OK. 58 November. Be a left turn on course.

0659.35

GC: Commander 58 November, squawk 3100. Over.

P: OK. Squawking 3100.

GC: Commander 58 November's radar contact.

P: 58 November.

(Pause)

0700.40

0701.10

GC: Commander 9058 November. Climb and maintain one three thousand.

Contact Memphis Center one two five point four. Over..

P: One two five point four and we're up to one three thousand.

GC: Good night.

0702.00

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On 4 October 1971 I hereby certify that the following is a true re-recording of a recorded conversation pertaining to subject incident taken from the Jacksonville Center reel No. 131, track No. 16. My name is [redacted] ATCS, Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Center, Hilliard, Florida.

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Pilot: Jacksonville Center, 9058 November, one seven thousand.

ATC: Commander 9058 November, Jacksonville Center, one seven thousand, ident.

P: Got it.

ATC: Commander, 58 November, the Alma altimeter missing, the Jacksonville altimeter 29.98.

P: Niner niner eight.

0826.00

0826.20

P: Jacksonville Center, 58 November, could you tell me what your weather is there at the airport, please?

ATC: Standby one, 58 November. I'll check on the latest weather.

0826.40

0828.10

ATC: Commander 58 November. The Jacksonville weather.

P: All right, sir, go ahead.

ATC: This is a special observation. Clear visibility at 5 and ground fog and smoke. Runway visual range for Runway 7 was 4,000 feet and they have a one point temperature dew point spread now.

P: All right, sir. Would it be too much trouble to find out what the spread was last hour so I can have some idea what the trend's going to be?

ATC: Roger. It's been that way for at least three or four hours now. They've had a one point spread. It's held five miles visibility.

P: OK. Very good. Thank you.

0829.00

0836.55

P: Jax Center, 58 November.

ATC: 58 November, go ahead.

P: All right, sir; we've got kind of unusual situation here, uh--uh, we're going to need some fuel at Jackson and, uh, we can't

have anybody around except the fuel truck and the man fueling. Uh, nobody else in the area. We will need flotation gear and, uh, if there's any way possible I need some charts and approach plates for Freeport. Yeah, we need jet fuel. And if you can't, wish you could work out some kind of flight plan--vector us to Freeport, and, we need to make sure that there is nobody, and I emphasize that, nobody around the airplane except the fuel truck and the attendant.

ATC: 58 November, Jacksonville copied it all, copied it all.

P: All right. We need flotation gear. This is a, uh, this is an eight place airplane. Just make flotation gear for that will be sufficient.

ATC: 58 November. Wilco. Wilco.

P: Call me back on that if you can and let me know if there is going to be any delays at all in the fuel truck waiting on us when we get there.

ATC: 58 November. Everything will be ready. Everything will be ready as specified.

P: All right and, uh, all right, they say to clear the area for at least 200-300 yards around the airplane and make sure there is nobody around it.

ATC: 58 November. Copied. Copied.

P: Thank you, sir.

0839.00

0840.10

P: Center, have another unusual request. Uh, two bottles of Scotch.

ATC: 58 November. Understand.

P: Chevas 12 if you can get it. And also on that routing I would prefer to stay over land as much as possible until we make the direct entry to Freeport there and if you could give me the mileage since I don't have the charts I would appreciate that so I can kind of figure some fuel here.

ATC: 58 November. Will work on that and advise.

0840.55

0842.15

ATC: 58 November. The mileage to Freeport's 320 nautical miles; that's taking you over Palm Beach and then direct Freeport.

P: OK. 320 nautical miles?

ATC: That is correct.

P: OK. And I hope you did get that, we will need some charts then. Could you get the weather on out that way?

ATC: Affirmative. I'll get the weather now.

P: Roger.

0842.45

0843.00

P: Center, 58 November. We'd like an APU for a restart after we get there at Jacksonville.

ATC: 58 November. Copy, APU.

P: Roger.

0843.15

0844.00

ATC: Commander, 9058 November. Descend at pilot's discretion to maintain 5,000. Jacksonville altimeter, 29.98

P: OK. 29.98. And at our discretion down to 5,000.

0844.15

0845.25

P: 58 November. We're out of one seven for 5,000.

ATC: 58 November.

0845.40

0850.00

ATC: Delta 592, say altitude.

Delta: We're out of eleven three.

ATC: 9058 November, say altitude.

P: Out of one four thousand.

ATC: Roger.

0850.20

0851.05

P: 58 November. Are you showing traffic at about our 12, about 11:30 position?

ATC: Affirmative. About eleven o'clock and 10 miles, northwest bound. He'll pass five miles off to your left. It's a Delta jet climbing.

P: OK. We've got him. He's got his light on.

0851.25



ATC: Delta 592. Traffic (faded out on tape)  
Delta: Yeah, I got him, too.

0851.40

0851.45

P: You want to trade places, Delta?

Delta: You going home?

P: Negative.

Delta: We've got about seven more hours to go--yeah, we'll trade.

(Pause) We've got all those milkcans (fade)

P: Say again?

Delta: We've got to deliver all those milk cans.

P: Yeah.

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0852.50

ATC: 9058 November, contact Jacksonville approach control, 118.0.

P: All right, sir. 118.0.

0853.00

End of re-recording

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The following is a re-recording of a re-recording of radar hand-off between the Atlanta Center and the Jacksonville Center reference 9058 November 4 October 1971.

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Atl: 10 northwest of Vienna, squawking 3100, Aero Commander 9058  
November one seven thousand.

Jax: Radar contact.

Atl: His ETA that he gave us for Jacksonville was 0915 Z.

Jax: OK. Thank you.

Atl: Fuel until 11:28 Z.

Jax: Fuel until 11:20?

Atl: 11:28 Z.

Jax: 28. (Pause) OK. Thank you.

0823.25

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Tower: Go ahead. (Pause) 58 November is  
radar. (Pause) Yes? Go ahead.

Pilot: Jacksonville approach. Commander  
9058 November is with you out of eleven  
for, I think it's five.

T: Commander 58 November, Jacksonville  
approach control. You are radar contact.  
You are landing at the International. Is  
that correct?

P: That is affirmative.

T: What's your compass heading, sir?

P: One three O.

T: Commander 58 November. Roger. Come on a  
heading of 150 for a vector to the final  
approach course for an ILS approach to  
Runway 7. Maintain five.

P: OK. Heading 150 and maintain five. We're  
out of eleven. What kind of visibility  
you got down there now?

T: The building visibility is five with ground  
fog and smoke. The runway visual range is  
more than 6,000 feet.

P: 58 November. Roger. (Pause) Has our  
request been complied with?

T: We're checking on it for you right now, sir.  
(Pause) We've been advised by Aircraft  
Services that they're trying to, attempting  
to get your request completed.

P: Thank you.

0854.55

T: I have a request on your Freeport weather.  
Are you ready to copy?

P: Yeah. Go ahead.

T: OK. They're reporting at the last observation  
1,500 scattered, visibility ten. 29.95 the  
altimeter, cumulus south.

T (continued): The wind is 040° at four.

P: OK. That was 1500 scattered, 10 miles.

T: Commander 58 November. That's correct, sir.

P: Thank you.

T: Commander 58 November. Descend and maintain 2,000.

P: OK. We're out of nine for two.

T: Jacksonville altimeter, sir, is now 29.97.

P: Two niner niner seven.

(Pause)

T: Commander 58 November. Turn right heading 180.

P: 180. 58 November.

(Pause)

T: Commander 58 November. Continue descent to maintain 1,600.

P: OK. We're down to 1,600. 58 November.

(Pause) We're out of 5500. 58 November. Was that down to 1,500?

T: Commander 58 November. 1,600, sir.

P: OK. 1,600.

T: Aero Commander 58 November. Turn left heading 130, six miles from outer compass locator.

P: One three O, 58 November. (Pause) Y'all going to maintain clearance around the plane about 200-300 yards?

T: That information has been forwarded.

P: Roger.

T: Commander 58 November. What is your altitude now?

P: We're out of 24.

T: Roger.

0902.20

T: Commander 58 November. Turn left heading 100.

P: One zero zero. 58 November.

T: Continue left, sir, to zero eight zero to intercept localizer course; 4 miles from the marker. Cleared for a straight in ILS approach into Runway 7.

P: OK. 080 to intercept. Clear for approach. You want us to stay on freq?

T: I'll have frequency change here for you shortly.

(Pause)

T: Commander 58 November. You can remain this frequency. You're clear to land Runway 7. You're 2 and one-half miles from the marker now. Clear for the approach straight in.

P: OK.

T: The wind is variable at four.

P: Right.

(Pause)

P: 58 November. We got the airport.

T: Commander 58 November. Thank you.

(Pause)

T: Commander 58 November. Contact the tower now, 118.3., sir, and he'll have taxi direction information for you when you land.

P: Roger.

P: 58 November: We're outside the marker.

T: Commander 9058 Normal, Jax. You're cleared to land on straight at Runway 7. The wind is 280° at 3.

P: Roger.

(Pause)

0905.20

P: 58 November. We're on the ground. Have all our requests been complied with?

T: Commander 58 November. You can taxi straight ahead to the second intersection, taxi straight ahead on the runway.

P: Straight ahead on the runway to the second intersection.

T: That's affirm. You're ready to turn off on the second intersection.

P: OK. Right turnoff.

(Pause)

T: Commander 9058 November, right turn off at the next intersection and taxi across the parallel, straight into Air Kaman.

P: OK. Straight into Air Kaman.

P: Straight ahead right here.

T: Straight ahead, Commander 9058 November, all the way to the end.

P: 58 November, I think it would be best if we parked somewhere close, out close to the edge. I don't want to get in too close to those buildings.

T: OK, sir; that's what I had planned for you. Right straight ahead there to the end of the taxi strip. There's a parking pad right at the end.

P: Is the fuel truck here?

T: You say is it a fuel truck?

P: I say is the fuel truck here?

T: Affirmative.

T: Taxi straight ahead to the end, Commander 58 November, all the way to the end.

P: Roger. 58 November.

(Pause)

P: Make a left turn here?

T: Affirmative. You can park anywhere you like in that area. Slight left up to the blue lights.

P: Say again.

T: Slight left turn.

P: OK. We're going to turn it around and head it back out.

T: You want to park right there, 85 November, for fueling?

P: That'd be fine.

T: OK. That's fine. Right there. Park right where you're at.

P: 58 November. They are going to keep this area clear. Is that correct.

T: That's affirmative.

P: All right. (Pause) What's the car sitting back off to our right?

T: It's just an airport vehicle as far as I know, sir.

P: Does he have a radio in it?

T: Say again, 58 November.

P: Can you have it moved away from over there, maybe have Air Kaman find someone?

T: 58 NOVEMBER?

P: Yes.

T: 58 NOVEMBER. THIS IS THE FBI SPEAKING. CUT YOUR ENGINES.

(Pause)

P: 58 November. This is the captain speaking. We're going to cut the engines and we're gonna need some fuel but I request that everyone stay away.

T: 58 NOVEMBER. ADVISE WHEN YOUR ENGINES HAVE BEEN CUT.

T: 58 NOVEMBER?

P: This is 58 November. Uh, this gentleman has about 12.5 pounds of plastic explosives back here, and (pause) uh, I got no (pause) uh, yen to join it right now so I would please expr, uh, appreciate it if you would stay away from this airplane.

T: THAT'S A ROGER, 58 NOVEMBER. ARE YOUR  
ENGINES CUT?

P: Negative.

T: STANDBY.

P: Where's the fuel truck?

(Pause)

T: 58 NOVEMBER?

P: 58 November. Go ahead.

T: THIS IS THE FBI. THERE WILL BE NO  
FUEL. REPEAT. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL.  
THERE WILL BE NO STARTER. HAVE YOU  
CUT YOUR ENGINES?

(Pause)

P: Uh (gasp), look, I don't think this  
fellow's kiddin'--I wish you'd get  
the fuel truck out here.

T: 58 NOVEMBER. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL.  
I REPEAT. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL.

P: This is 58 November. You are endanger-  
ing lives by doing this, and uh, we have  
no other choice but to go along, and uh,  
uh, for the sake of some lives we  
request some fuel out here, please.

(Pause)

T: 58 NOVEMBER. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF  
YOUR PASSENGERS?

P: Ah, uh, well, they're okay, if that's  
what you mean.

T: ARE THEY MONITORING THIS CONVERSATION?

P: Yes, they are.

T: DO YOU HAVE TWO PASSENGERS ABOARD?

(Pause)

T: 58 NOVEMBER. WHAT'S YOUR PRESENT  
FUEL STATUS ON THAT AIRCRAFT?

P: We're down to about thirty minutes.

T: 58 NOVEMBER. THE DECISION WILL BE NO  
FUEL FOR THAT AIRCRAFT. NO STARTER.  
RUN IT OUT, ANY WAY YOU WANT IT.  
PASSENGERS, IF YOU ARE LISTENING--

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IN THIS  
AIRCRAFT IS TO DEPART THE AIRCRAFT,  
TO DEPART THE AIRCRAFT.

(Long pause)

T: 58 NOVEMBER?

P: Yeah.

T: DID SOMEONE DEPLANE FROM YOUR  
AIRCRAFT?

P: That's affirmative. The copilot.

(Pause)

T: 58 NOVEMBER?

P: (Muffled reply)

T: THE COPILOT IS IN THE CAR AND WILL  
NOT RETURN TO THE AIRCRAFT. HE  
WILL NOT RETURN TO THE AIRCRAFT.

0928.25

0931.35

T: 58 NOVEMBER?

0933.15



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 19, 1971

FROM : J. K. PONDER

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED), BRENT DOWNS  
(DECEASED), [REDACTED] - VICTIMS  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

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PURPOSE: This relates to hijacking 10/4/71 of chartered plane from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, diverted by hijacker to Jacksonville, Florida, where, after landing, subject Giffe shot to death his wife; Downs, the pilot; and himself. Copilot [REDACTED] and subject [REDACTED] previously permitted to deplane. This is to set forth results of Inspector's inquiry at Jacksonville concerning (1) why SAC Jacksonville not on scene at airport and (2) propriety of actions by ASAC in disabling the aircraft. Application of Bureau hijacking policy discussed.

## SAC SUPERVISION

Jacksonville duty Agent [REDACTED] received call 3:55 AM, 10/4/71, from Federal Aviation Administration, Jacksonville, that chartered plane with two armed hijackers aboard to land Jacksonville International Airport 5:00 AM, 10/4/71. At 4:00 AM SA [REDACTED] called ASAC [REDACTED] who named 5 Agents to be called to proceed to airport and instructed that SAC and Bureau be advised. [REDACTED] claims advised SAC Alexander about 4:15 AM, but did not log time. SAC claims first call received at 4:35 AM, too late for him to reach airport by 5:00 AM because drive from residence to office is 25-30 minutes and from office to airport 20-30 minutes. On first call SAC requested to be kept advised. Duty Agent called him at home again at 5:45 AM and advised him of the shooting deaths, at which time he indicated he was proceeding to the office immediately. SAC signed into the office at 6:29 AM.

Inspector drove and measured route from SAC residence to airport in afternoon traffic 10/18/71 in elapsed time 32 minutes (21.4 miles). Original call to SAC outlined situation requiring his personal supervision. SAC should have had ASAC advised that he was en route and then proceeded immediately and directly to airport. Hijacked plane actually arrived at airport parking area at 5:13 AM.

## PROPRIETY OF ASAC ACTIONS

ASAC [REDACTED] as of 5:00 AM in command at airport where one Agent in control  
1 - Messrs. Felt, Rosen, Mohr, Bates, Callahan  
WGC:wmj (8)

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Memo for Mr. Tolson  
Re: George M. Giffe

tower relaying communications to and from the plane and Bureau cars; with three Agents and two cars in vicinity area where plane taxied to stop at 5:13 AM. At 4:37 AM by radio pilot had asked for fuel, charts and flotation gear for flight Freeport, Bahamas, and requested all persons other than fuel truck attendant keep clear of plane. Pilot also requested ground power unit be available to restart engines and two bottles premium whiskey. Pilot on landing asked if fuel truck there and renewed request re persons staying away from plane.

FBI made first contact with pilot at 5:13 AM and ordered plane engines cut. Pilot said he would but needed fuel and again requested persons stay away. Pilot also stated hijacker had 12 1/2 pounds plastic explosives and everyone should, therefore, stay clear. FBI then advised pilot there would be no fuel and no starter. At this point ASAC [ ] was aware that (1) two armed hijackers aboard had kidnapped the woman aboard at gunpoint in Nashville, (2) that plane had been taken at gunpoint by force, (3) that the woman was wife of one of the hijackers; they had had marital difficulties, and (4) that hijackers claimed to have 12 1/2 pounds explosives. b6 b7C

At 5:20 AM copilot [ ] left the plane and when intercepted by ASAC [ ] relayed demands being made by the hijacker, confirmed that 2 hijackers aboard were armed, one hijacker had been drinking and might at any time try to force the pilot to fly out without fuel. [ ] did not tell [ ] that plane had 1 1/2 hours of fuel rather than 30 minutes as previously reported by radio. He said the woman aboard was occasionally hysterical. [ ] said he had no intention of reboarding the plane.

Two or three minutes later, exact time not known because no entry on tape recording, subject [ ] left the plane and surrendered to [ ] He reported hijacker requesting fuel and was mentally disturbed.

[ ] states based decision to disable plane on belief that disaster would result should plane take off because (1) armed hijacker had been drinking and was mentally disturbed; (2) explosives allegedly aboard; (3) small amount of fuel remaining, and (4) release of copilot and one hijacker was unusual and considered basis for hope that hijacker would ultimately surrender.

Although pilot claimed only 30 minutes of fuel left, he knew, as did copilot, that there was actually about 1 1/2 hours of fuel remaining, probably enough for the 320-mile flight to Freeport, Bahamas. Copilot later advised that the false information on fuel remaining was plan devised by him and pilot to convince hijacker to land at Jacksonville since copilot and pilot felt if they got out over water they would all be killed by the hijacker and crash at sea.

Copilot [ ] has also advised on interview he is not in disagreement with handling of situation at Jacksonville since he felt that if plane had been refueled there,

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he and pilot would have been killed at termination of flight.

Pilot knew true fuel supply and had option of bypassing Jacksonville. He also had option at any time before plane disabled of taking off again after fuel was denied. Even though one plane engine stopped to permit [ ] to deplane, plane has capability of restarting one or both engines without outside power source. The fact these options not exercised indicates pilot did not actually wish to continue the flight, but was unable to say so because hijacker was monitoring radio transmissions. b6 b7C

U. S. Attorney, Jacksonville, has publicly stated FBI action resulted in saving the lives of 2 persons permitted to depart the plane.

#### HIJACKING POLICY

Policy set forth in FBI Handbook is, "While a hijacking is in progress, the SAC or his designated representative has the responsibility depending on the situation to make an on-the-scene judgment and to take whatever positive action is necessary. . . . No action should be taken to forcibly disable or board an aircraft without the express permission or request of the captain of the aircraft in question, as actions by outside forces without the prior knowledge and complete cooperation of the captain and his crew could result in total disaster." This policy is believed sound since it is based on the principle that the captain of the aircraft must be in command and first consideration must be for the safety of the plane's occupants. In the bizarre circumstances of the Jacksonville incident ASAC [ ] states this was his first consideration. He was dealing, however, with a warped and alcohol-crazed mind which, as later learned, had planned in detail a wife murder and suicide. These plans set forth in suicide notes left by subject Giffe in his automobile at Nashville airport.

SAC Letter 71-9 dated 3/2/71 on this subject concludes with the paragraph, "The Bureau is aware that specific procedures covering every situation cannot be formulated, especially in view of the inherent inconsistencies and hazards always present in arrest situations. Extreme caution and good judgment must prevail in every instance." ASAC O [ ] states it was his judgment that permitting the plane to depart would result in total disaster.

General Investigative Division presently considering any need for changes in Bureau policy. in conjunction with Inspection Division and Mr. Dalbey's office.

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2. That ASAC [ ] action be supported since his judgment decision based on information then available to him was a logical course of action. Soundness of [ ] judgment also indicated by information later developed re hijacker's murder-suicide plans and opinion of copilot that refueling and over-water flight would have resulted in death of all aboard plane.

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*Jan*

ADDENDUM OF W. M. FELT 10-20-71 WMF:crt

This is a highly unusual situation in which we are "damned" if we do and "damned" if we don't. [ ] ordered the disabling of the plane when told by the co-pilot that the hijacker was about to take off. He was dealing with a suicidal maniac armed with guns and explosives. Had [ ] let the plane take off under these circumstances and death of any or all on board had resulted we would be criticized for not disabling the plane to keep it on the ground.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA (164-241)

MEMPHIS (164-76)

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ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

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GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA. (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS.

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA. (DECEASED) - VICTIM. CAA - HIJACKING, INTIMIDATION OF CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; KIDNAPING, OO JACKSONVILLE.

FROM A CONTINUING REVIEW OF THE INVENTORY OF ARTICLES FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE ON OCTOBER FOUR LAST, THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT ITEMS ARE DESCRIBED AND LEADS SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS.

ATLANTA:

AMONG THE ITEMS FOUND ON THE FLOOR OF AIRCRAFT N NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N WAS RECEIPT NUMBER THREE ONE ONE FIVE TWO FIVE FROM THE ATLANTA MARRIOTT MOTEL, WITH THE NOTATION "RECEIVED FROM MR. GIFFE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON ACCOUNT JULY SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, [REDACTED].

ATLANTA, WILL CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS MARRIOTT MOTEL

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TO DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF ABOVE RECEIPT. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT GIFFE ALLEGEDLY SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME AT THIS MOTEL, MOTEL EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND CONCERNING GIFFE'S ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING COMPANIONS, ASSOCIATES, PHONE RECORDS, ETC.

ATLANTA WILL ALSO CONTACT REGIONAL OFFICE, FAA, AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE FROM RECORDS AVAILABLE ANY VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS OR OPERATING PROCEDURES AGAINST BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, NASHVILLE, TENN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT BIG BROTHER MAY ALSO HAVE OPERATED FROM ATLANTA AIRPORTS.

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INCLUDED IN THE PAPERS FOUND ON THE FLOOR OF THE ABOVE AIRCRAFT WAS A CARD FROM [REDACTED] LAW OFFICES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
WFO WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT ABOVE ADDRESS FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT GIFFE AND POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED]  
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MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, WILL CONTACT WESTERN UNION, NASHVILLE, AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPY OF TELEGRAPHED MONEY ORDER RECEIPT MOD FOUR THREE THREE ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ONE IN AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PAYABLE TO CONTINENTAL CONSULTANTS, BAVARIAN, J DASH ELEVEN, FOUR FIVE ZERO ONE PACKARD DRIVE, NASHVILLE, TENN., WITH MESSAGE AND SIGNED [REDACTED] BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OBTAINING APPROPRIATE SUBPOENA FROM USA'S OFFICE, NASHVILLE, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE OBTAINING THIS EVIDENCE. UPON EXAMINATION, DETERMINATION SHOULD BE MADE AS TO WHETHER LEGAT SOURCES IN ARGENTINA SHOULD BE FORWARDED LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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MEMPHIS, AT ANTIOCH, TENN., REVIEW OF MATERIAL FOUND IN AIRCRAFT DETERMINED RECEIPTS FOR MAIL BOXES NUMBER TWO NINE EIGHT AND ONE FOUR FIVE, USPO, ANTIOCH. POSTAL INSPECTORS SHOULD BE CONTACTED AND DETAILS OF THE RENTAL OF THESE POST OFFICE BOXES BY SUBJECT GIFFE SHOULD BE OBTAINED. POSTAL INSPECTORS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY UNDELIVERED MAIL REMAINS IN THESE BOXES AT THIS TIME. FROM A FURTHER REVIEW OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE, IT APPEARS THAT SUBJECT GIFFE WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CONSULTANTS, NASHVILLE, AND MAINTAINED AN ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCE BANK, GREEN HILLS OFFICE, NASHVILLE. ON JULY SEVEN, LAST, GIFFE ISSUED A CHECK UNDER THIS

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ACCOUNT'S NAME IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY DOLLARS. COMMERCE BANK OF TENNESSEE SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CONSULTANTS TO INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION AS THE NAMES OF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACCOUNT.

AMONG THE ITEMS FOUND IN THE EFFECTS OF SUSAN M. GIFFE WERE WHITE PILLS FROM PRESCRIPTIONS NUMBERED TWO ONE ONE NINE TWO FILLED AT SUPER X DRUGSTORE, THREE FOUR ZERO ONE GALLATIN PIKE, NASHVILLE, AND TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR FILLED AT SUPER X DRUGSTORE, THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO NOLANSVILLE RD, NASHVILLE. THESE SUPER X DRUGSTORES SHOULD BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE CONTENTS OF THESE PILLS INASMUCH AS WHEN VICTIM SUSAN GIFFE BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT SHE WAS IN A HYSTERICAL STATE ALTHOUGH SHE SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME CALM. AUTOPSY REPORTS FAILED TO INDICATE ANY EVIDENCE OF A NARCOTIC USED BY MRS. GIFFE.

AMONG THE ITEMS FOUND IN THE BLACK LEATHER ATTACHE CASE OF SUBJECT GIFFE WERE A PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF SUSAN G. GIFFE PASSPORT NUMBER A ONE THREE NINE TWO SIX TWO TWO ISSUED JUNE NINETEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, AND PASSPORT NUMBER A ONE ZERO THREE TWO SIX FIVE TWO IN THE NAME OF GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., ISSUED JUNE SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY. AT THE CLERK OF THE USDC, NASHVILLE, RECORDS SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FURNISHED AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION FOR THESE PASSPORTS BY GIFFE AND HIS WIFE, ESPECIALLY ANY INDICATION OF THEIR FUTURE USE.

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THE FOLLOWING CREDIT CARDS WERE LOCATED IN THE WALLET OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
SUPERCARD [REDACTED]

BRANIFF FASTCHARGE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING

THE USE OF THE ABOVE CARDS BY SUBJECT [REDACTED] AND IN PARTICULAR, ANY  
USE MADE OF THE BRANIFF FASTCHARGE CARD.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS CARDS WERE LOCATED IN THE BILLFOLD OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND EACH SOURCE SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THE ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT [REDACTED] WITH  
THESE FIRMS.

INTERNATIONAL COMMADORE, FOUR ZERO FOUR BEAL ST., MEMPHIS, TENN.;  
HULSE DISTRIBUTING, INC., P. O. BOX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO THREE, NASHVILLE;  
A & C DISTRIBUTING CO., ONE ZERO FOUR FIVE VISCO DR., NASHVILLE; BEER  
DISTRIBUTING CO., NINE TWO CHEROKEE, NASHVILLE; BOB WHITE ENTERPRISES,  
NINE FIVE WHITE BRIDGE RD., NASHVILLE; HERSCHEL KATZMAN, THIRD  
NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, NASHVILLE; MAGANOVX CO., NASHVILLE.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED HIS  
FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS WITH THE MAGNAVX COMPANY IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

AMONG THE ITEMS FOUND IN THE BLACK LEATHER ATTACHE CASE WAS A  
FOLDER CONTAINING CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AND

[REDACTED] COPY OF LETTER TO A [REDACTED] FROM NATIONAL

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COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.; COPY OF LETTER FROM NEIGHBORHOOD  
HOUSE RECOMMENDING A [REDACTED] COPY OF LETTER FROM TWO GUYS  
DEPARTMENT STORE VERIFYING EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED]  
MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, WILL CONTACT TWO GUYS DEPT. STORE AND ATTEMPT TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVITIES  
WITH SUBJECT GIFFE.

ALSO LOCATED AMONG THESE ITEMS ARE NUMEROUS ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

TO AND FROM [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT GIFFE AND [REDACTED] INDI-  
CATIONS ARE THAT THE [REDACTED] FAMILY COMES FROM CLEVELAND, TENN., AND  
THAT [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] OF A FIRM IDENTIFIED AS CONSOLIDATED  
GOLD PYRITE CORP.

MEMPHIS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW  
HIM CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE SUBJECT GIFFE  
AND HIS POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-203)

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM DALLAS (164-NEW) 2P

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, AKA DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); BRENT DOWNS DASH  
VICTIM (DECEASED); [REDACTED] DASH VICTIM. CAA DASH  
HIJACKING; KIDNAPING; FTCA. OO: JACKSONVILLE.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, DATED OCTOBER TWENTY-THREE, LAST.

ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES,  
REC-60 164-2042-102  
TODAY, A REVIEW OF BRANIFF FASTCHARGE

RECORDS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICATION FOR A CREDIT CARD ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT,  
AND WAS FURNISHED CREDIT CARD NO. [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT

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POSITION SHOWN AS

AT SALARY OF NINE

THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR. REFERENCES: SUMNER CO. BANK AND TRUST, GALLATIN, TENNESSEE; SINCLAIR REFINING CO., P.O. BOX FOUR FOUR THREE THREE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; HARVEYS MADISON SQUARE, MADISON, TENNESSEE.

RECORDS REFLECT THE CREDIT CARD WAS USED THREE TIMES APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-NINE, NASHVILLE TO DALLAS, TO SAN ANTONIO, TO HARLINGEN, DALLAS, TO NASHVILLE, CHARGE TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND FIFTY CENTS. MARCH SEVEN, SEVENTY, NASHVILLE, NEWARK, NASHVILLE, ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS. ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FIVE, SEVENTY, NASHVILLE TO DALLAS, TO SEATTLE, TO WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, TO SEATTLE, DALLAS, NASHVILLE, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS. THE ACCOUNT WAS BEING PAID SATISFACTORILY, THE LAST PAYMENT ON JULY SIXTEEN, SEVENTY ONE.

CHANGED ADDRESSES IN MAY, SIXTY-NINE,

ON SEPTEMBER ONE, SIXTY-

NINE, ADDRESS CHANGED TO

THEN TO

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6:10 PM EDST NITEL 10-26-71 MHM

TO DIRECTOR

CHARLOTTE (164-98)

MEMPHIS (164-76)

MIAMI

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED] SUSAN  
LAKICH GIFFE, AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED); BRENT QUINTON DOWNS - VICTIM  
(DECEASED); [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CAA - HIJACKING,  
INTIMIDATION OF CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; KIDNAPING;  
FTCA, OO JK.

CR  
ON OCT. TWENTYSIX, LAST, [REDACTED] CHIEF, NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA), JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ADVISED THAT THE WINDS ALOFT REPORT FOR THE JACKSONVILLE AREA WOULD BE PREPARED BY THE NOAA FACILITY AT WAYCROSS, GA. THIS REPORT WILL BE SENT TO THE CENTER AT ASHVILLE, N. C., BY END OF MONTH AND CERTIFIED COPY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.

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[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TERMINAL FORECAST FOR FREEPORT, b6  
BAHAMAS, WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE MIAMI WEATHER FACILITY. HE SAID b7C  
THAT AN OFFICIAL COPY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, A CERTIFIED  
COPY COULD NOT BE OBTAINED AS THE INFORMATION IS COMPILED BY A  
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

MIAMI WILL BE ABLE TO FURNISH CERTIFIED COPY OF WINDS ALOFT  
AND SURFACE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., FOR APPROX-  
IMATE TIME OF FIVE AM TO SIX AM, OCT. FOUR, LAST.

CHARLOTTE AT ASHVILLE RECONTACT NOAA FACILITY AND PERFECT  
ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN CERTIFIED COPY OF WINDS ALOFT REPORT FOR  
JACKSONVILLE AREA FOR PERIOD FIVE AM TO SIX AM, OCT. FOUR, LAST.  
FD THREE ZERO TWOS MUST BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO ORIGIN,  
COVERING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION.

CHARLOTTE WILL PREPARE AND SUBMIT FD THREE ZERO TWOS COVERING  
RECEIPT OF SURFACE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT JACKSONVILLE  
WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN FURNISHED TO ORIGIN.

MIAMI WILL CONTACT NOAA FACILITIES AND OBTAIN OFFICIAL OR  
CERTIFIED COPY OF TERMINAL FORECAST FOR FREEPORT, BAHAMAS,  
SURFACE WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., AND  
FREEPORT, AS OF FIVE AM TO SIX AM, OCT. FOUR LAST.

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FD THREE ZERO TWO REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO MIAMI.

THE BUREAU HAS DIRECTED THAT THIS MATTER BE GIVEN  
PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND ALL LEADS COVERED ON EXPEDITE  
BASIS.

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7:31 PM NITEL 10-26-71 PXS 3P

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

MEMPHIS

NEWARK

WFO

FROM KNOXVILLE (164-33)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED);

CAA-HIJACKING; CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, INTIMIDATION  
OF TWO MEMBERS; KIDNAPING. OO. JACKSONVILLE.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, LAST.

[REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY

WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS: [REDACTED]

FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED

WITH GIFFE DURING MAY, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, THROUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CADE, INCORPORATED, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

[REDACTED] WERE SEEKING INDIVIDUALS TO INVEST

MONEY TO FINANCE MINING OPERATIONS ON SIX THOUSAND AND

EIGHT HUNDRED ACRES PROPERTY OWNED BY [REDACTED] NEAR MACON,

GEORGIA. [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

CONSOLIDATED GOLD AND PYRITE CORPORATION, AND HAS REPUTATION  
OF PROMOTER AND LAND DEVELOPER.

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[REDACTED] HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH GIFFE AND GIFFE'S  
LAWYER, [REDACTED] NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NEGRO, FORMER BASKETBALL COACH, TENNESSEE A & I,  
NASHVILLE.

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MEETINGS OCCURRED OVER TWO-THREE MONTHS PERIOD AT  
NASHVILLE, AND AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND ATTENDED BY  
[REDACTED] GIFFE, AND GIFFE'S WIFE, SUSAN.  
THESE INDIVIDUALS LOOKED AT [REDACTED] PROPERTY NEAR CANTON,  
GEORGIA, AND GIFFE AGREED TO RAISE MONEY TO FINANCE MINING  
OPERATIONS WITHIN NINETY DAY PERIOD.

DURING THESE MEETINGS [REDACTED] NOTED GIFFE ALWAYS  
ARMED WITH WHAT GIFFE DESCRIBED AS NINE MILLIMETER "PPK"  
PISTOL. GIFFE FIRED WEAPON WHILE EXAMINING PROPERTY NEAR  
CANTON, GEORGIA, IN PRESENCE OF [REDACTED] AND ABOVE NAMED  
INDIVIDUALS AND EVEN CARRIED WEAPON WHEN CLAD IN UNDERSHORTS.  
SUSAN GIFFE ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED GIFFE BUT [REDACTED] RECALLED  
ONE OCCASION ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHEREIN GIFFE AND WIFE HAD  
VIOLENT ARGUMENT.

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED GIFFE AS "SUPER PATRIOT", IMPULSIVE,  
PRONE TO VIOLENCE, AND FITS OF RAGE. [REDACTED] ALSO NOTED  
APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED VARIOUS TYPE PILLS AND TABLETS  
IN GIFFE'S SHAVING KIT.

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[REDACTED] FURTHER NOTED GIFFE'S BEHAVIOR BECOMING  
PROGRESSIVELY MORE PSYCHOTIC AND VIOLENT. ACCORDING  
TO [REDACTED] PERSON WHO APPEARED TO KNOW GIFFE WELL WAS  
ABOVE MENTIONED [REDACTED] WHO WAS IN ALMOST DAILY  
CONTACT WITH GIFFE DURING THIS PERIOD.

FD THREE ZERO TWOS FOLLOW TO JACKSONVILLE.

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8:48 NITEL 10-27-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUSAN LAKICH GIFFE.- VICTIM (DECEASED); BRENT QUINTON

DOWNES - VICTIM (DECEASED); [REDACTED] - VICTIM, CAA -

HIJACKING, INTIMIDATION OF CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED  
WEAPON, KIDNAPING, FTCA. OO: JACKSONVILLE.

MEMPHIS NITEL SUMMARY OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTYONE.

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GOVERNMENT MOTION IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION AND MOTION BEING  
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ATTEMPTS TO DATE TO LOCATE SEVERAL ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT GIFFE HAVE PROVED NEGATIVE.

THIS CASE IS RECEIVING PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

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LRS FBI WASHDC

PLS HOLD

cc-Mr. Walters

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO DIRECTOR  
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FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

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NEXT, BY BUAGENT FROM FBI LABORATORY. USA'S OFFICE WILL ADVISE

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[REDACTED] ATTORNEY FOR [REDACTED] OF ARRANGEMENTS.

INFORMATION FROM USA'S OFFICE, JACKSONVILLE RECEIVED THAT ON OCT. TWENTY, LAST, [REDACTED] NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND [REDACTED] JACKSONVILLE, FLA., ATTORNEYS FOR SUBJECT, [REDACTED] FILED NOTICE THAT THEY DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN OMNIBUS HEARING PROJECT. THIS NOTICE WAS DIRECTED TO U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE GERALD B. TJOFLAT, U. S. DISTRICT COURT, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

ON THIS DATE, AUSA [REDACTED] JACKSONVILLE, ADVISED THAT GOVERNMENT HAS THREE DAYS TO MAKE INDICATION THAT IT WILL NOT ENTER INTO OMNIBUS PRECEEDINGS AND LACK OF SUCH INDICATION INDICATES AGREEMENT ON PART OF GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT USA BRIGGS, JACKSONVILLE, IS RELUCTANT TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION TO [REDACTED] ATTORNEYS AT THIS TIME BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT CRIMINAL MATTER MIGHT THEREAFTER BE TRANSFERRED TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

USA BRIGGS IS AWARE THAT IF THE CASE TRANSFERRED TO NASHVILLE AND OMNIBUS HEARINGS TAKE PLACE IN THAT JURISDICTION THIS WILL NECESSITATE THE TRANSFER OF NUMEROUS ITEMS OF EVIDENCE TO NASHVILLE AND HE IS CONSIDERING THIS IN HIS FINAL DECISION.

ON THIS DATE, ENGINEERING DRAWING OF CRIME SCENE AREA AT JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VERIFIED BY AVIATION FACILITIES ENGINEER,  
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Reference Jacksonville teletype to Bureau and  
 Memphis, 10/15/71.

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Tennessee Staff Correspondent

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